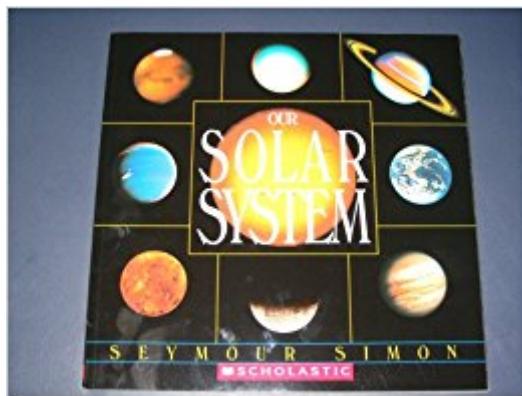


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Our Solar System was born almost 5 billion years ago at the edge of the Milky Way galaxy. In over fifty dramatic, full-color photographs and an easy-to-read text, award-winning author Seymour Simon takes you on a fascinating tour of the nine planets, dozens of moons, and thousands of asteroids, meteoroids, and comets that travel around our sun. First, Simon explores the star at the center of our Solar System -- from the constant nuclear explosions at its core to the giant storms on its surface as geysers of flaming gas over a hundred thousand miles long rise and fall in just a few hours. You will also learn about the four rocky inner planets, from airless Mercury to fiery Venus, her sister planet, Earth, and mysterious Mars. Then join the thrilling Voyager missions to explore the four gaseous outer planets: gigantic Jupiter, ringed Saturn, tilted Uranus -- the planet "lying on its side" -- and windy Neptune. You will finish your journey at distant Pluto, then visit the asteroid belt and examine comets, the "dirty snowballs" in space. A companion volume to Simon's landmark series of individual books about each of the planets, the sun, stars, and other space sights, Our Solar System will introduce you to some of the most amazing mysteries in the universe.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book for my seven year old son, in the hope that he would work his way into it over time (recommended age is from 9). He is able to read quite a lot of the text at this stage, with a bit of help. This is great for his reading practice. Most importantly it is a book he wants to read. The photographs are excellent, and there is more than enough information for him at this stage in development. It is a perfect "Show and Tell" item to bring into the class, with the added bonus that it has a hard binding. His five year old sister is also very taken with the drawings of the solar system and the planets and moons. It is a book guaranteed to attract the interest of any child.

I have never written a review for a book, but this book has inspired me to do so. The photographs in the book are large and stunning. They are spectacular. Children are drawn to the book because it is so beautiful. We bought this book for our 2 1/2 year old for Christmas, along with a set of plastic planets. Within weeks, she could name every planet. Further, she could tell us which planets are bigger than earth, which planets are smaller than earth, which planets have rings (and how many rings each of those planets has), how many moons each planet has (and which planets have no moons), why Mercury's surface has so many craters, which planets are hot, which planets are cold, etc., etc. In short, this book is beautiful and informative. It is very well done! It is a fantastic introduction to our solar system. We are looking forward to reading more books by Seymour Simon!!!!!!

Simon explores space using fantastic photos from real spacecraft and satellites. My two-year-old son received this book for Christmas and we read it to him nearly every night before bed. He is fascinated with the photographs, and as a result of his attachment to this book he can name every planet and many of the satellites that surround them. It is amazing! He loves space now because of this book. Kudos, Simon!

If you're trying to choose between several different books on the solar system, choose this! It's beautiful and intriguing for a five year old, readable for an 8 -10 year old, and educational for folks of all ages. After a little research on , I purchased three solar system/space books for a birthday gift and this book was by far the best received of the three. I have since purchased a couple more. The book is exceptionally well done with broad and lasting appeal. The photographs are stunning and plentiful, as in a coffee-table book. Nearly every other page features a full-page photograph. The text is readable. The sentences are short and clearly-written, but they're not dumbed down in any way. There are many full pages of text, but all are double-spaced and there is abundant white space around the text, so it's not so dense as to scare off early readers. Everything about the book is child-friendly, but it's not a cute or silly kid's book in any way. I think most adults would find plenty to learn from the text and would appreciate the fact that one doesn't need an astrophysics degree to understand it. One important note -- it's updated. Pluto no longer gets star billing. Pluto is mentioned as a dwarf or smaller planet, along with Ceres and Eris. Overall, I highly recommend this book, and I would not hesitate to consider any other collaboration between author Seymour Simon and the Smithsonian Institution.

There are a lot of solar system books that are pretty, but the writing is what sets this one apart. Good sized text that is easy to read, simple yet concise, and fun. The author also does a good job of conveying his excitement to the reader. He isn't just throwing out facts for memorizing.

Total rip off!!! Not a real book more like a hard cover magazine. Pictures are outdated better pics in the Autubon Society field guide. My son 10 loves educational books. Looked at this one for five minutes and gave it back. Don't waist your money, or be prepared to be disappointed.

This book is still in my collection after many years. I used to read it all the time as a young lad and drool over the huge pretty pictures of our majestic solar system. Needless to say I'm now studying astrophysics so I cannot deny this book to have been an inspiration for me! Get it for your children :]

My 2-year-old and 4-year-old both adore this book, and we've already read it at least 100 times. It's got amazing photographs and up-to-date information about the planets and their moons. Highly recommend!

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