

Books about the Starry Sky

Starry Sky

DK Readers allow beginning readers to progress from easy-to-follow stories with simple sentences and word repetition to more sophisticated storylines, sentence structure, and vocabulary. *Starry Sky* explores the night sky from constellations to galaxies. Read all about stargazing tips for the summer sky!

By: Kate Hayden

A is for Astronaut: Exploring Space from A to Z

The alphabet is the device used to pique curiosity about astronomy, space travel and things related from A to Z. Illustrations use different media to create the look from the Sputnik era for a playful introduction.

By: Traci N. Todd | Illustrated by: Sarah Gillingham

I Want to Be an Astronaut

A young girl declares her longing to 'fly on the shuttle into outer space.' The familiar acts of eating, sleeping, and working become intense and special as she and the rest of the crew go about their business. The illustrations positively glow in this simple, lyrical picture book that will have nearly everyone off and flying.

By: Byron Barton | Illustrated by: Byron Barton

Our Stars

Scientists use telescopes and satellites to study the stars. But even though they're far away, stars are part of your world, too! Just lift up your eyes to see. The author/illustrator explains the universe with bright pictures and simple text in a book that will delight any curious child's mind.

By: Anne Rockwell | Illustrated by: Anne Rockwell

Stars

From tiny white strawberry blossoms in the spring to snowflakes in the winter, from the tip of a wand to the points of a sheriff's badge, from the shape you make when you turn a cartwheel to the twinkling night lights in the sky, stars are all around us. We only have to look, this dreamy book tells us.

By: Mary Lyn Ray | Illustrated by: Marla Frazee

Thanking the Moon

As they did for the Lunar New Year, each family member contributes to the preparations for the mid-autumn moon festival. Their special picnic includes mooncakes and tea as well as affection. An author's note not only informs but may inspire other celebrations.

By: Grace Lin | Illustrated by: Grace Lin

What's Out There? A Book about Space

What is the sun made of? What causes night and day? Why does the moon change shape? Colorful collage illustrations and an easy-to-understand text bring planets, stars, comets, and the wondrous things out there in space right down to earth in a simple introduction to the solar system for young armchair astronauts.

By: Lynn Wilson | Illustrated by: Paige Billin-Frye

A Full Moon Is Rising

Come along on a whirlwind tour of the world to discover an amazing collection of full moon celebrations, beliefs, customs, and facts.

By: Marilyn Singer | Illustrated by: Julia Cairns

Faces of the Moon

A rhyming text in an intriguing format introduces the moon's cyclical nature — its phases. An informational note concludes this introductory look at the moon and why it appears to change.

By: Bob Crelin | Illustrated by: Leslie Evans

Get Outside: The Kids Guide to Fun in the Great Outdoors

Outdoor adventures await adults and children throughout the year. Illustrated, easy to follow instructions and a can-do approach are sure to inspire readers of all ages to learn as they choose from a range of games and activities with background information included.

By: Jane Drake, Ann Love | Illustrated by: Heather Collins

How the Stars Fell into the Sky: A Navajo Legend

Richly hued illustrations are used to show how First Woman tried to guide humans by providing the "laws of the world" by writing them in the sky with her jewels (the stars). Things change, however, when trickster Coyote tries to help, tires of the task, and then tosses the rest of the jewels into the night sky with beautiful if chaotic results.

By: Jerrie Oughton | Illustrated by: Lisa Desimini

Out of this World: Poems and Facts about Space

Poems combine with information and evocative illustrations to create a sense of wonder about space and space-related topics. Beginning with a countdown ("T-minus:/10/9/8..../Spaceship soaring!") and concluding with a child wondering

about "My Place" in the universe, this intriguing collection is sure to delight readers.

By: Amy Sklansky | Illustrated by: Stacey Schuett

Stargazers

A series of star-spattered night skies done in rich blues and purples gives this introduction to the universe and the practice of astronomy an appealing look. A diverse cast — ancient and modern, adults and children, scientists and amateurs — peer through lenses, or point and smile. Gibbons discusses the nature of stars and constellations, how to find particular ones and why they seem to move, two kinds of optical telescopes, and how a planetarium works, closing with a simple time line and a page of random star facts.

By: Gail Gibbons | Illustrated by: Gail Gibbons

Stars

Do aliens come from the stars? What is that twinkling out there? How long does it take for a star's light to reach Earth? Stunning photographs, computer-generated, and clear text present basic information about stars, sure to pique curiosity.

By: Seymour Simon

The Milky Way: A Cherokee Tale

Have you ever wondered how the Milky Way came to be? According to a Cherokee legend, it started when an old couple learned that their corn was being stolen by a Great Spirit dog. To get away, the spirit dog jumps into the sky, spilling the corn. And we can still see the results today in the night sky.

By: Joseph Bruchac, Gayle Ross

The Moon Book

This introductory book offers young children information about the moon: its orbit and phases, its place in solar and lunar eclipses, its effect on Earth's oceans, moon exploration, and the legends the moon has inspired in various cultures. Written clearly yet without too much detail, the text moves along quickly. The pictures and diagrams deserve study, as they help readers visualize such concepts as how the moon moves in relation to the earth and the sun and why it seems to change shape.

By: Gail Gibbons | Illustrated by: Gail Gibbons

The Sky is Full of Stars

Young stargazers learn about different star colors and brightness, how to locate major constellations, and how to make mini-planetariums by using coffee cans and flashlights.

By: Franklyn Branley | Illustrated by: Felicia Bond

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

Join Minli as she journeys to save her village and her family from a dreary fate by seeking out the Old Man of the Moon, who holds everyone's destiny. A storyteller's voice effectively brings to life this unforgettable award-winning novel, illustrated with exquisite Chinese paintings.

By: Grace Lin