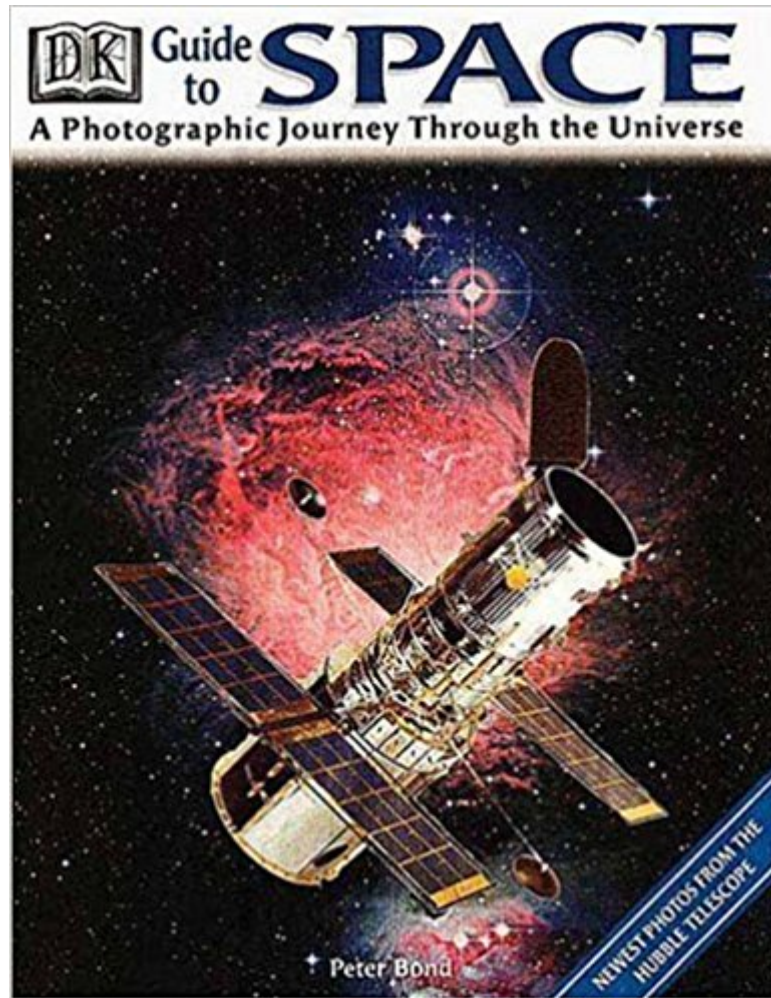




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# DK Guide To Space



## Synopsis

A look at space that's out of this world! The DK Guide to Space takes the reader on a fascinating journey through our universe, using the latest space photography from the Hubble Telescope in a large format to create a dramatic guide to the exploration of space. The NASA photographs are supported by clear artwork explaining complex ideas. Space exploration, astronomy, and cosmology are explored in clear, concise text. Packed with information, this stunning photographic book will capture the imagination of both space enthusiasts and those who are just beginning to learn about our universe. Stunning presentation of the latest NASA and Hubble telescope photography. Over 300 dazzling color photographs.

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## Customer Reviews

If you're a space fanatic, you'll love this big guide to all things astronomical. All the heavenly bodies in our solar system--all nine planets and their moons, comets, asteroids, and the sun--are shown in amazing photos and illustrations that give you a feel for what they're like up close. You'll also find out about objects far away from our little planet, like distant stars, nebulae, and galaxies, with telescope images and incredible facts. For instance, did you know that Eta Carinae is the weirdest star known to science? It's being torn apart by constant explosions, and it's the only star known to emit natural laser light! You'll find out how a star is born, how it dies, and how galaxies full of stars fit into the universe. The last part of the book tells the story of human efforts to learn about space, from

rockets and shuttles to space stations, satellites, and radio telescopes listening for alien broadcasts. DK Guide to Space is filled with color photos of cool things like Jupiter's Great Red Spot, Mexican Hat galaxies, and the freeze-dried food astronauts eat. It's a great reference for space nuts. (Ages 9 to 12) --Therese Littleton

Grade 4-6-Aimed at a younger audience than Sue Becklake's *The Visual Dictionary of the Universe* (DK, 1993), this tour of the solar system and beyond is illustrated almost entirely with photos: big, enhanced-color shots that capitalize on the beauty and dramatic power of the best space photography. In the customary one spread per topic format, Bond begins with a glimpse of modern stargazing before moving to the Sun, passing each planet in succession, and launching outward past Pluto and the Kuiper Belt. He sails past stars, nebulae, and galaxies before looping back to visit several spacecraft and space stations, and concludes with a spread of summary charts and Web sites. Midsized blocks of text tucked between illustrations contain an easily digestible mix of basic facts and colorful factoids: of the Sun's 27 million degree core, for instance, the author writes, "If the head of a pin were this hot, it would set fire to everything within 62 miles." Picture captions extend the text with additional or reiterated information. Despite a few design bobbles, such as an occasional superimposed label that is hard to see, or a rare view of Venus without clouds that is partly lost in a gutter, this oversized volume is a better-than-average addition, eminently suitable both for browsing or research. John Peters, New York Public Library Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

My 4 1/5 year old is crazy about space so I bought this book for him. The pictures are larger than life with tremendous clarity. The text is easy to read and understand, although I would say the text is aimed more at 7 - 10 years old. My 4 1/5 year old seems to understand most of the text as I review it with him and re-explain it. The book is well organized starting with the planets in our solar system, then moving to the galaxies, the life and death of stars, and space exploration. This is an excellent beginning space book for children or adults who want a quick overview of the solar system and galaxies.

The book was in perfect condition but I thought there would be a book jacket.

I didn't see the book myself, as I had it shipped directly to her for her birthday. But, her mom has said the pictures are just spectacular, and very educational. For those of you who have kids that are

interested in the planets, I would recommend this book. It's something they can keep forever.

This book is for space lovers of ALL AGES! You will be blown away by this book. I have been fascinated with astronomy and space photography since birth and have looked at countless books and none of them measured up to what I wanted until I found this! Now you no longer have to search for the ultimate space photography book; I did the searching for you! You won't find a better book if you journeyed a lightyear! But just think of all you'd see! LOL! Here are the contents: STARGAZERS, THE SOLAR SYSTEM, THE SUN, ECLIPSES, MERCURY, VENUS, EARTH, THE MOON, MAN ON THE MOON, MARS, EXPLORING MARS, JUPITER, JUPITER'S MOONS, SATURN, URANUS, NEPTUNE, PLUTO & CHARON, COMETS & ASTEROIDS, STAR BIRTH, STAR DEATH, THE MILKY WAY, GALAXIES, THE UNIVERSE, ROCKETS, THE SPACE SHUTTLE, LIVING IN SPACE, SPACE STATIONS, SATELLITES, IS ANYONE OUT THERE?, SPACE DATA AND INDEX. My personal favorite chapters are: The Solar System, each planet, Comets & Asteroids, Star Birth and Star Death (extremely beautiful and fascinating); The Milky Way, Galaxies, The Universe, Is Anyone Out There? and Space Data. You have to own this book! Buy it now! I give this my highest rating! Everything is perfect--not just the photography, but the succinct information and page layout. Also the book is the perfect size for the photographs! I can't find ANY fault in this book! I wish I could meet and shake hands with everyone involved in the making of this awesome book! If every book were as good as this one, I would have a book in my face for the rest of my life!

Pros: great pictures, great narratives, well thought out and organized  
Cons: written almost 20 years ago and some facts are outdated (ex: number of moons is wrong for Jupiter and Neptune)

What more could I say! The photos are fantastic! The info is current to 1999. The book being oversized only enhanced the outstanding photography. Real photos from the Space Shuttle, satellite photos. There is one of Mt. Everest that makes it look like a tiny hill. Amazing! The book goes planet by planet showing at the lower left it's size as compared to earth. Great for school or homeschool or just looking! It's a great bang for the buck! If you love space, it's packs an amazing punch!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, just recently read it from cover to cover. Even though it was written in 1999, the information is still relevant and very educational. I really like all of the Dorling Kindersley

books, but found this to be one of the best. The pictures are terrific. Space is so cool!

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