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Professor Astro Cat's Frontiers Of Space



Synopsis

Professor Astro Cat is the smartest cat in the alley. He's got a degree in just about every discipline under the sun! Speaking of the sun, he happens to be specialist on that too, and Professor Astro Cat's *Frontiers of Space* will tell you everything that there could be to know about our star, our planet, our solar system, our galaxy, and our universe. The professor's made sure of that; he's a fastidious little feline! Professor Astro Cat's *Frontiers of Space* also explores topics such as gravity, extraterrestrial life, time, and many other fascinating subjects that will take you and your children on a journey to the very frontiers of space!

Dr. Dominic Walliman received a PhD in quantum device physics from Birmingham University in 2010 where he spent several years teaching physics to undergraduates and previously obtained a physics BSc and an MSc in computer science. He has also spread the joys of physics to the wider world, taking part in a series of talks in schools and demonstrations at festivals as well as tutoring A-level physics students.

Ben Newman is an award-winning illustrator (Royal Television Society Award for Best Branding and Opening Credits Sequence). Previous clients include Penguin, the BBC, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and the New York Times, amongst many others. He is a long-standing contributor to Nobrow and is the author of two books, *The Bento Bestiary* and *Ouroboros*, under the same imprint.

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Grade Level: 2 - 6

Customer Reviews

"A big, bold book geared for humans ages 7-11 (or anyone up to approximately 78 years north of those ages), *Frontiers of Space* welcomes readers into its pages with gorgeous retro-inspired artwork and keeps them there by describing the wonders of the universe and the science underlying them. [] Whether you're a cat connoisseur, a dog devotee, a hamster partisan, or an iguana booster, you're apt to agree that the affable, amusing, and yes, wonderfully nerdy Professor Astro Cat makes a fine companion for the budding scientist." *American Scientist* "A picture book of unusual muted elegance."

The Sunday Times Review (UK) "Cute characters (such as the titular Professor Astro Cat and his assistant Astro Mouse) give a humorous, conversational tone to this nonfiction book's information about space, our solar system, and changing space exploration technology. Like the text, the book's browsable layout encourages readers to keep exploring. Overall, a great book to nurture interest in and wonder at the infinite possibilities of space."

The Horn Book "Conducted by a cat in a retro-futuristic space suit, this tour of the solar system and beyond earns style points for both its illustrations and its selection of Factoroids."

Kirkus Reviews "Both modern in its scientific spirit and with a sensibility modeled after the delightful mid-century children's books from the Golden Age of space exploration, it tickles young readers as well as their space-enchanted parents into precisely that palpable zest to make contact with the cosmos."

Brain Pickings "A hugely charming book packed with knowledge and humor to make learning about space fun."

Cool Hunting "Professor Astro Cat's *Frontiers of Space* charms the reader immediately. Newman's clean, modernist illustrations have a strong retro-futuristic bent that suggest the golden age of science fiction pulp magazines, while Walliman provides lucid prose to help Professor Astro Cat explain topics such as the birth of stars, the speed of light, the solar system and the history of space exploration. [] The book is a delight of design in its own right. [] Children will want to make many return voyages with Professor Astro Cat, but so will the generations before them who still fondly look to the stars for inspiration."

Wink Books "Finally! A spectacularly made publication to teach kids about space in an exciting, funny and breathtakingly beautiful way. Illustrator Ben Newman has collaborated with his scientific friend Dr. Dominic Walliman to create this truly astounding publication to be enjoyed by adults and

children alike. I genuinely learned more about science and space from flicking through this book than I did in my entire school career. So go buy it! It's Nice That "The book combines scientific rigor (on a level appropriate for younger readers) with delightful imagery. Every page offers a wealth of details. The illustrations are busy in the best way: clearly connected to the text, but with all sorts of small flourishes and surprises built in. This is the kind of book that a grade-school age budding scientist can spend hours with. I wish I had a book like this when I was younger, but even now, when I'm well into my fifties, I'm absolutely captivated by it. This is a perfect book for gift-giving and for opening up the universe (literally, the universe) for younger readers." What If Knits

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I bought this book for Seth, whose review is below. I selected it because of the good reviews and the credentials of the author. I enjoyed it and my husband did also. Here is what Seth said. "It tells us about how the universe started with a big bang. It tells us how our stars formed. It tells us about Apollo 11 and who was on it. It tells us what space is like. I LOVED IT."

I also bought Professor Astro Cat's *Atomic Adventure* too. My four year old loves it! Very engaging and easy to understand. The illustrations are amazing. The quality of the book is fantastic also, very robust.

Love the graphics in this book! My husband is a web designer and I am a graphic designer, so we both love a well illustrated book. Colors are vibrant and overall it's a great find! I think we will enjoy this more than our daughter.

If you have a little one interested in space and space technology, this is the book you want to buy them to nurture that interest! Very informational and the illustrations are absolutely beautiful!

My daughter loves space, and even though we have a couple other space info books, we love this one, too. Great illustrations and a good balance of technical and simplified language and information (for our 6-7 year old). Very elegant design, sturdy book with some humor and adorable art.

My 2 year old loves this book. I brought it out to give her early exposure to science and she quickly learned to identify astronauts, Saturn, and Earth. She even invented a story about sad Pluto. I had expected a couple more years before she would really get into this book, but she asks for the "Space Book" often. The drawings are cute, the subject is interesting, and the details provide an amazing entry into the subject. I expect to read this with her for many years to come

Absolutely perfect retro style graphic illustrations and jam packed with fascinating information that captivates readers of all ages. I bought this as a fathers day present for my dad to read with my 5.5 year old son and they are both enjoying it so much. I will say tho that my 3 year old is not as engaged yet.

This book is awesome!

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