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# National Geographic Kids First Big Book Of Space (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books)



## Synopsis

This beautiful book is the latest addition to the National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book series. These colorful pages will introduce young children to the wonders of space, with colorful illustrations by David Aguilar and simple text that is perfect for beginning readers or for reading aloud. The book will explain basic concepts of space, beginning with what is most familiar to kids and expanding out into the universe. Chapters include: Chapter 1 focuses on the Earth, moon, and sun. Chapter 2 introduces kids to the other planets in our solar system. Chapter 3 explains other objects in our solar system, such as dwarf planets, comets, and asteroid belts. Chapter 4 voyages even farther afield, touching on concepts such as the universe, the Milky Way, stars, galaxies, and black holes. The last chapter delves into space exploration: humans on the moon, spaceships, the International Space Station, etc.

## Book Information

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Series: National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

"Really interesting and encourages great conversation between you and your child. A fun book for any family to explore." --The Children's Nook blog  
Featuring fun, short entries about planets, stars, galaxies and more, this charming book is perfect for reading aloud or for beginning readers to

enjoy themselves.â • --Today's Zaman

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The book is great. My now 5 year old still loves it after a year and I learned a few things too! He can't read many of the words so I help him but he likes looking at the pictures. It loses stars for the terrible binding. Almost half of the pages fell out after a couple of weeks of light use and I've had to tape them back in, which is such a mess. The other half of the pages seem like they might go at any time. We didn't even treat it badly. I would have expected more from a product under the National Geographic brand.

Such a great price for such a big book! I bought this for my niece who at the time was three-years-old. She LOVED it and it was one of her favorite bedtime stories for months. She's five now and still enjoys this and all the other National Geographic books. Would recommend to anybody with a little one in their life to start fostering that love for science.

This book is incredibly filled with information that's easy for my grandsons to read and understand. I even learned from this book.

I got this for a 3 and 6 year old. They enjoyed me reading it to them and the pictures are really nice and it made them ask some questions. I don't think it would be very interesting for older kids as it is pretty short in both information and words- hence the "little kids" title on this book.

I bought this book and the "First Big Book of Why" by National Geographic for my kindergartener who is starting to question how things work. I knew getting the NatGeo brand would be a good choice because it's a name that I grew up with too. This book has definitely exceeded my

expectations! A lot of things have changed since the 1980's and 1990's in the space industry and I felt like I really didn't know enough current events to start talking to my daughter about them. This book has information on the solar system, and includes all new information about dwarf planets (I think there were three or four mentioned), and other bodies in our solar system like asteroids and comets. And the pictures in this book are gorgeous! I like how each topic has its own main points and then there are side notes to explain added information. You could skip over the side notes and still get a thorough chunk of information, or you could go over all of the points and have an increased understanding of our world. This is such an awesome book! I love learning all of the new information alongside my daughter.

My 6 year old son loves this book, he is obsessed with the planets and black holes. The pictures inside the book are vibrant, the pages are nice and thick, and there's a lot of fun facts regarding 13 planets. It even has questions on the pages for interactive learning. He has reread the book several times, and now he wants a telescope. I love the fact that it gets him interested in science at such a young age. I would recommend this to anyone with a child that wants to learn about space and the planets.

The solar system is so much fun. There is so much to teach and learn that making it child friendly can be difficult. This book however really takes a great approach. The pages are all filled with hi-res photographs of varying to do with space. From the planets and moons to rovers, each page is filled with amazing facts and information. What I really like is that although this book is content filled, it is straight to the point and not to much extras to overwhelm the kids. It is the perfect amount of information to teach the kids great facts about space giving them the tools to go on for more. I love this book. The images are large and clear and the kids love pointing to the images and learning more. They can really learn everything about the planets and space in a fun book catered toward children.

I have been asked to read this book approximately 176,000 times since receiving for my 3-year-old son. Overall, the content is good. They deftly straddle the Pluto-lovers vs. deGrasse-Tysonites planetary nomenclature struggle: objectively framing the Tysonites as correct without allowing them too much gloating, thus avoiding complete alienation of the Pluto-lovers. Really, if it's that important to you either way, rumble in observatory back parking lot during the next planetary conjunction to settle it once and for all. Otherwise, just let us talk about our space-things without too

much judgment of our character. Anyway, back to the book. The pictures are clear and printed well, and artwork is interesting without being comical. There are some annoying inaccuracies I have to correct mid-flight. For example (pg. 14) orbits are ellipses not circles and (pg. 10) I don't know on what planet the sun sets as the moon rises next to it but according to everything I've been taught everywhere except pg. 10 of this book it's not Earth. I also end up skipping the open-ended New Math-style questions like "If you could name a moon, what would you call it?" as well as the age-inappropriateness dissonant "Can you count to 27?" questions. It's also looking like the binding will give out around  $10^6$  readings, but that's still pretty solid in my mind for the price.

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