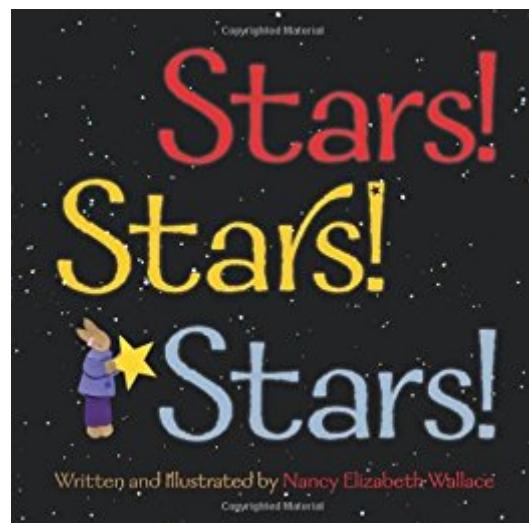


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# Stars! Stars! Stars!



## **Synopsis**

Nancy Elizabeth Wallace continues to explore difficult topics while making them more accessible to young readers with her signature cut-paper illustrations and, in this book, photographs from NASA. Minna is a stargazer. She looks at the nighttime sky and wonders, What are stars? Minna's friends wonder about stars too. How far away are they? Are they really shaped like stars? Is the sun a star? At the Children's Museum, Minna and her friends visit STAR SPACE. The children learn . . . and wonder . . . learn . . . and wonder. Then they go outside and stargaze! Recipes for star-shaped food and an activity page are included.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gave it to my son for my grandson!

although I bought this on sale, I bought it for my 3 year old. Its a little advanced for him right now but since its a hardback I hope that it will last a few years when he gets ready for it!

Great book

I bought this book for my nephew, who is almost two years old. I knew that this book would be something he'd have to "grow into" since it definitely has an older crowd in mind but I still love reading this book. The real photos mixed with the paper-craft illustrations make it interesting to look at for my nephew. (Although he never sits on my lap more than a few pages). Whenever we go outside at night, he looks and points up saying "Star, Moon!" I would recommend this book to any Spacefan who would like to teach a bit about the stars to their child. Beautiful photos and illustrations, and great fun facts throughout!

i picked this book up really cheap and im happy i did because my son really likes it. its a good buy

I'm familiar with Nancy Elizabeth Wallace's illustrations and children's picture books (e.g., I have her Board Buddies book titled Snow), and I really like her mixed media approach to illustration and the way she integrates collage into her work. Her illustrations for Stars! Stars! Stars! were created with paper, acrylics, photos, and computer generated images. My 5 year old granddaughter loves Stars! Stars! Stars! and for her it is a great follow up to a game she and her 3 year old brother and I played a couple of evenings this past winter. I shut off all the lights in her house (my daughter and son-in-law's house, and I honestly think it was the first time she'd been in the house with everything, including all the electronic gadgets, off) and we looked out the window at the night sky and she made up an elaborate story about the stars, in the spirit of what the bunny/child character Minna does on the first page of Stars. We did this two clear winter nights in a row and now with this book she gets a different understanding of stars, as well as the solar system, lunar phases, galaxies, astronomy, etc., delivered in a way that makes learning totally fun. This makes it more fun for her and for me when we use my super powerful binoculars and tripod to star-gaze (especially at my house given that I'm in a rural area where the sky isn't washed out by city lights). All the information in the book is delivered via the context of a simple story about Minna, her family and friends (there are even a few simple, kid-friendly recipes in the book) and a visit to a branch of a Children's Museum called Star Space. At Star Space the young-uns learn about the solar system, the moon and its phases, the earth, what astronomers are and what they do, galaxies, why stars twinkle, the fact that stars are in the sky 24 hours a day but we can only see them at night, and they learn about constellations (which whetted my granddaughter's appetite for finding the Dippers). MS Wallace acknowledges a professor in Princeton's Dept. of Astrophysical Sciences for expert reading of her manuscript, as well as NASA for images, and simple and kid-friendly though the book is, it contains

quite a bit of bona fide scientific information for young minds, delivered in a way that complements the sense of wonder one can get from contemplating the heavens. *Stars!* is a square hardcover, about 9 1/2" x 9 1/2" and makes for good bedtime reading. Highly recommended.

This is a book that has many ideas for activities for its young readers, in addition to stargazing. There are questions, answers and examples of star food - fruit and soup and cookies. The facts and examples that are used for teaching are not overwhelming but will give a good start on the knowledge and an appreciation of the night sky. There is a star chart for the northern hemisphere included and advice for stargazing. This is an excellent book for 6 year olds and up to learn about the nighttime sky. It will keep them interested with bunny illustrations and yet not talk down to them.

From the same author of "Look! Look! Look!" this 40 page book introduces kids to the science of astronomy via an imaginary visit of a group of kids to an exhibit inside a Children's Museum. The art and text are basically the same but I do wonder how many children's museum have such a facility available. The best thing about this book is that it offers several suggestions on how a parent could teach their children about the stars, planets, and galaxies even if there is no such program near them. The book itself offers photos from space observation and while it breaks down the science it does not dumb down the science for children in any way. As we read about the bunnies adventures from dinner time through an evening under the stars we get a local flow of information that feels very much like what we might get if we had a private audience at a star gazing facility for kids. One word of warning: this book will probably make your kids want to visit such a program or take the suggestions to heart and have their own star adventures. I wish it had a bit more introductory information before jumping into some of the larger concepts.

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