PLANET SERIES
PEBBLE EXPLORE: PLANETS IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM (PREVIEW)
Summary: Presents information about the different planets in Earth’s solar system. Includes color photographs, a glossary, maps, and additional resources.
Audience: Reading Level is Grades 2-3 Interest Level is K-6.

SEARCHLIGHT BOOKS: DISCOVER PLANETS (PREVIEW)
Summary: Using illustrations, fact boxes, and STEM highlights, this elementary nonfiction series explores the planets in our solar system. Titles describe the history of each planet's scientific study, what is known about them, and ways scientists are hoping to learn more. Includes glossaries.
Audience: Grades 3-6. Small boxes of text also make it accessible to lower readers.

SPACE EXPLORATION & JOB SERIES
SPACE-OLOGY (PREVIEW)
Summary: How do you become an astronaut? What’s it like to live and work in space? These books will take kids on a fascinating journey to discover the newest developments in space exploration. Each book will introduce young space enthusiasts to the latest space technology and missions.
Audience: Practicing and/or pre-service teacher librarians would find it useful.

SPACE DETECTIVES (PREVIEW) (PREVIEW 2)
Summary: Quippy descriptions, full-color images, and fun trivia facts make studying space both accessible and fun. This nonfiction early chapter book about comets, asteroids, and meteors is essential reading for any young astronomy enthusiasts.

Audience: RL-Grades 1-3, IL-K-6

NARRATIVE NONFICTION

OUR UNIVERSE (PREVIEW)


Summary: Stacy McAnulty’s fact and fun-filled Our Universe picture book series invites children to explore our solar system from the points-of-view of the celestial bodies that hang out among the stars. These charming and humorous “autobiographies” are beautifully illustrated by such artists as Steve Lewis and David Litchfield.

Audience: Grades K-3


Summary: When eleven-year-old budding scientist Venetia Burney hears about the discovery of a ninth planet in 1930, she suggests the name Pluto to her grandfather. Impressed, he reaches out to some friends, and eventually, a panel of scientists unanimously agrees to name the planet Pluto.


Summary: One Day a Dot explores the age-old question: Where did we come from? Where did everything come from? Starting with one tiny dot and continuing through the Big Bang to the rise of human societies, the story of our universe is told in simple and vivid terms. But the biggest question of all cannot be answered: Where did that one dot come from?

Audience: Grades K-3. Stunning Illustrations


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**Audience:** Grades 2-5. Reading Level 4-6


**Summary:** As the Apollo 11 spacecraft makes its preparations to become the first to land humans on the moon, a young boy imagines himself also in preparation as he sits in his red wagon rocket. As he goes on the journey with them, he describes the craft, the flight, and the landing. Includes facts, a glossary, and further resources. The illustrations are gorgeous, with “picture in picture” of the young boy in contrast to the actual events that took place.

**Audience:** Grades 1-6. Reading Level 4-6


**Summary:** Everyone knows of Neil Armstrong’s famous first steps on the moon. But what did it really take to get us there? The Moon landing is one of the most ambitious, thrilling, and dangerous ventures in human history. This exquisitely researched and illustrated book tells the stories of the 400,000 unsung heroes—the engineers, mathematicians, seamstresses, welders, and factory workers—and their innovations and life-changing technological leaps forward that allowed NASA to achieve this unparalleled accomplishment.

**Audience:** Grades 4-6. This is definitely a higher reading level but it is STUNNING! Kids will love just looking at the pictures!


**Summary:** This young reader’s version of Tyson’s essays addresses issues surrounding the universe, from the Big Bang and black holes to intelligent life beyond Earth. Written in easy-to-digest chapters, this book is meant to be consumed on the go by curious readers who want to understand the world around them—and beyond—just a little better.

**Audience:** Grades 3-7. Upper elementary or middle school students with an interest in the universe would be well served by this text, which offers an accessible overview of the topic while also inspiring curiosity


**Summary:** Presents an account of the thirteen women who trained alongside the Mercury Seven in the early 1960s for a chance to be selected as astronauts. Examines the sexism they endured, their test results, which proved they were as capable as the men, and their contributions toward opening up astronautics to women. Features photographs and a glossary.
**STANDALONE BOOKS**


**Summary:** In this highly visual guide to observing the sky with the naked eye, kids aged 9–14 will delve into the science behind what they see. This captivating book offers a tour of our solar system and deep space, explaining how objects like Earth’s moon were formed and introducing the “why” behind phenomena such as eclipses, northern lights, and meteor showers. Sky gazers will learn how to find and observe planets — no binoculars or telescopes required — and star charts will show them how to spot constellations through the seasons and in both hemispheres. Activities include tracking the cycles of the sun and moon and observing the sky during daylight hours or on a cloudy night. Includes profiles of professional astronomers and sidebars on space technology and current issues, such as light pollution.

**Audience:** Ages 9-14. Beautiful illustrations and spreads, but can be a bit text heavy so it will require a stronger reader.


**Summary:** Through infographics and illustrations readers will learn about the unfathomably huge and fascinating topic of solar systems. Explore the galaxy that surrounds our planet through astounding numbers, facts, and figures.

**Audience:** Grades 2-6


**Summary:** Provides an overview of space exploration and what humans have learned about the solar system, offering information on the Big Bang, the sun and moon, each of the planets, and the Kuiper Belt. Also discusses rockets, the International Space Station, and how to explore space without a rocket. Includes a timeline of the space race, a glossary, dozens of fact boxes and trivia, and colorful diagrams.

**Audience:** Grades 2-6

**GRAPHIC NOVELS**


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OVERSIZED BUT BEAUTIFUL


**Summary:** Welcome to the museum that is always open to explore. Step inside the pages of this beautiful book to discover galleries of galactic matter, expertly curated to bring you the experience of a fascinating exhibition in the comfort of your own home. *Planetarium* features all aspects of space, from the sun and our solar system to the lives of stars, the Milky Way, and the universe beyond.

**Audience:** Grades 4-6. OVERSIZED BOOK. The illustrations are beautiful! Heavy on text, but a great look book.


**Summary:** Let Space Maps take you on a tour through the universe, with its 24 maps, stunning illustrations, and amazing facts. Grab your telescope and get ready for the intergalactic journey of a lifetime!

**Audience:** Grades 4-6. OVERSIZED BOOK. The illustrations are beautiful! Written for a strong reader but would also make a great look book.