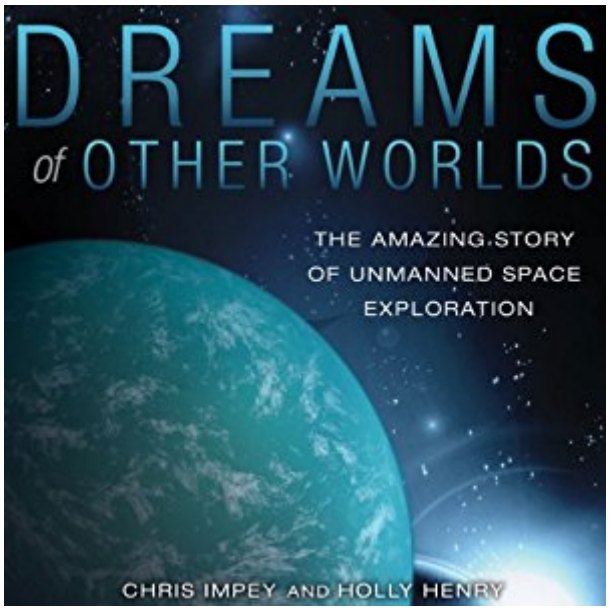
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Synopsis

Dreams of Other Worlds describes the unmanned space missions that have opened new windows on distant worlds. Spanning four decades of dramatic advances in astronomy and planetary science, this book tells the story of eleven iconic exploratory missions and how they have fundamentally transformed our scientific and cultural perspectives on the universe and our place in it.The journey begins with the Viking and Mars Exploration Rover missions to Mars, which paint a startling picture of a planet at the cusp of habitability. It then moves into the realm of the gas giants with the Voyager probes and Cassini’s ongoing exploration of the moons of Saturn. The Stardust probe’s dramatic round-trip encounter with a comet is brought vividly to life, as are the SOHO and Hipparcos missions to study the Sun and Milky Way. This stunningly illustrated book also explores how our view of the universe has been brought into sharp focus by NASA’s great observatories--Spitzer, Chandra, and Hubble--and how the WMAP mission has provided rare glimpses of the dawn of creation.Dreams of Other Worlds reveals how these unmanned exploratory missions have redefined what it means to be the temporary tenants of a small planet in a vast cosmos.

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Customer Reviews

An interesting and enjoyable read. But it needs a proof read. I’m 95 pages into the book so far and have found at least 3 glaring mistakes so far that anyone knowledgeable in astronomy should have caught. On page 86 it’s stated that the planet Uranus is 30 AU distance from the sun. In Reality Uranus is around 19 AU and Neptune is at 30 AU. On page 91 is states that the Apollo missions

gave us the 1st opportunity to see earth from 240 million miles. Actually that would have been 240 thousand miles. A 3rd one I found earlier but forgot to bookmark. Because of these I gave it a 4 star rating.

Well written and entertaining. Perfect for those who love science but aren't scientists. I learned a lot about this very interesting subject. We humans think we're so special but in the big picture the term insignificant comes to mind.

I picked up this book after taking an online course (intro to astronomy) taught by the author. If you are interested to learn about near complete catalog of unmaned missions, and what we have learned from each, I would recommend a purchase. The author does a great job of using everyday language to explain some pretty high level concepts.

I purchased this book in hopes of reigniting my interest and knowledge in Genetics. I still haven't finished it, and I bought it a few months ago. It doesn't keep my attention for very long. I have a "beginner" Genetics background previous to purchasing, but even then, this book can be a bit confusing at times. Would not recommend to anyone if you don't have some knowledge in Genetics.

This is definitely a great introduction to genetics. It covers every aspect in this field such as the Mendel's Rules, why we have different blood types, Punnet tables, dominant and recessive genes, the role of mutations, the production of proteins using bacteria and genetically modified animals that are proteins factories for Human use, such as insuline, and much more. I thought I had a decent knowledge of genetics but now I feel more confident about it and this book really provide the right knowledge to be up-to-date in this fascinating and complex topic.

Excellent quality, shipped on time

Well-written and a great topic of discussion. Highly recommend!

I purchased this book for my brother and he said that this book was very informative. It has all of the different theories on genes. It is worth the money I paid for it and the shipping was very fast!

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