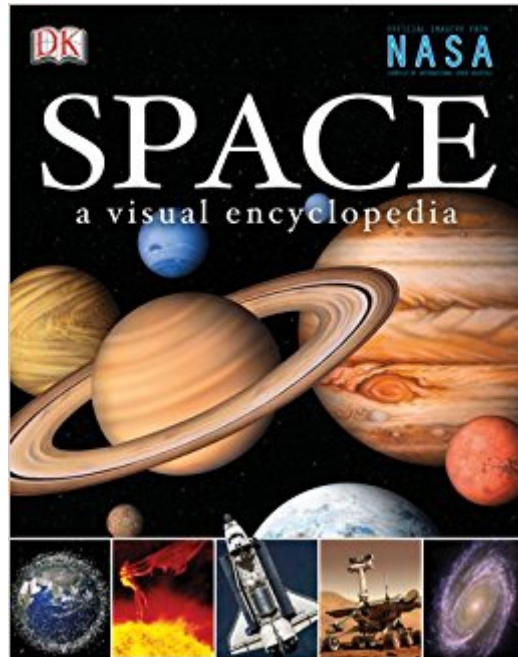




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Gr 4-6—An eye-catching, if not exemplary, alternative for older single-volume compendia on the extraterrestrial universe such as David A. Aguilar's *Planets, Stars, and Galaxies* (National Geographic, 2007). *Space* is a substantial outing that wedges hundreds of digestible blocks of text in at least three different type sizes and levels of detail on or around a huge array of space photos and art. Presented largely in the customary single-topic spreads, coverage is very broad, ranging from the practice of astronomy and the history of our ventures into space to the components of the solar system and of the cosmos at large. Earth, the Moon, and the Sun come in for full sections of their own, topics of recent interest such as "Space Tourism" and "Space Debris" earn spreads, and the information is current enough to include a reference to the

mid-2009 installation of a new camera on the Hubble Space Telescope. The pictures are total eye candy, sharply reproduced on black backgrounds, varying in size from a few inches square to dramatic full spreads, and offering everything from sky maps and deep-space fields millions of light years across to cutaway views of spacecraft and close-ups of astronaut food. Still, that level of visual appeal is now common in nonfiction, the amount of material here that is new or not easily available elsewhere is relatively small, and the lack of any resource lists make this more suitable for casual enquiry and browsing than systematic study.

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Item shipped fast & would do business w this seller again. This was a gift for a 10 yr old who is enjoying learning about space & we were afraid it might be too advanced but its actually great! Adults were even enjoying looking through the amazing pictures & reading interesting facts in it &

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Incredibly sharp photo's and pictures of outer space. I bought this as a gift for someone but then kept it for myself. The book is wonderful. A great intro for adults and kids about the cosmos. No other book comes close. Highly recommended.

Very informative love this Space Visual Encyclopedia. Beautiful and looks good on the coffee table.

Perfect addition to our family library. This book has so much information.

This book was purchased to help develop a kid's interest in the universe and I wanted to buy a hardback, thinking it would last longer. I received a paperback even though the invoice stated "hardback". I looked on the internet and it doesn't appear that a hardback copy of this book was ever published., so it may not be the fault of the vendor. The pictures are nice and the writing is suitable for a good 4th grade reader. I ordered this item from Salvo Books which has very pleasant Customer Service.

Great book very informative, the whole family is enjoying it

This is now the most requested bedtime book from my children (4 yo son and 2 yo daughter). While my kids are still too young to understand the more complicated science in this book, they understand how awesome the universe is and it teaches them to question the world around them.If you are looking to give your kids and early start in science, then this book is a must-have.

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