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The Sun



Synopsis

Awe-inspiring and familiar, comforting yet sometimes frightening, the sun is the center around which all life revolves. Now, an expert on solar images teams up with a noted science writer to present a photographic book devoted entirely to the sun, illustrating the star we know and revealing recent discoveries. Dramatic images from photographers, observatories, and satellites are organized as viewed first from the ground, then from earth's atmosphere and the edge of space, and finally from the surface of the sun itself. Through these images and a clear, precise text, the authors explore the intricate dance between the sun and earth, examining this relationship in both mythical and scientific terms. Perhaps best of all, the book's compact, square size makes *The Sun* as inviting to hold as it is to read.

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Customer Reviews

Photo researcher and sun-watcher Steele Hill has been a media specialist for the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) mission since 1996. He is probably more familiar with the images from SOHO and other recent solar missions than anyone else on the planet. Hill lives in Maryland. A science writer and editor, as well as the author of *Storms from the Sun*, Michael Carlowicz has written dozens of articles on space and earth sciences, most recently for *Oceanus* magazine and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He lives on Cape Cod.

Very interesting mini book.

Excellent book with outstanding photographs. The size is perfect for browsing. I do public solar observing in local parks and this will be a helpful addition to our events.

This book is a well made hard cover with extremely well made and quality pages with vibrant full color images. It is both informative and serves as an excellent coffee table type book on the Sun. The pages are exceptional and well printed. The authors essays are enjoyable and informative.

My ex seemed to like it. I purchased it as a christmas present, but I enjoyed the photos which are pretty impressive. But its a small book which is not what it appears on the advertisement.

Such a small book! Such a big subject! The Sun is a fascinating and beautiful book, and it is the perfect size to take around with you or leave in your bathroom/coffee table/etc. Each chapter explores a basic facet of the Sun-sunspots, aurora, flares, magnetic storms-and is filled with beautiful and stunning imagery from photographers and satellites.

It's a nice small coffee table book, long on pictures, short on words. It was worth buying just skim to through the color photo collection, some of which I have seen nowhere else. The details revealed by some of the high resolution photos are simply incredible.

This book, although a little smaller (in size, not in page count) than I expected, didn't disappoint me in terms of illustration. The images are amazing, and all the texts are very nice to read. Excellent for a gift.

Forget spectroscopy and formulae. Forget myth and poetry. SEE the monstrous forces at work in the corona, on the surface. Especially in ultraviolet and x-ray photos shown here in this amazing little book. Just...drop to your knees in awe; there's no other phrase for it Our terrifying star is JUST BIG ENOUGH to keep us toasty without toasting our vulnerable little butts into oblivion. The sun should be the first weird thing a kid falls in love with, and this book will do the trick. Hand this to a child and watch a lifelong obsession begin. Hand it to an adult, and watch their mouths twist with fear and pleasure. Why on earth don't we just hand PHOTOS to schoolkids? A picture is so much more efficient. This little hand-size book contains photos of x-ray, ultraviolet and infrared images of sunspots, granules of plasma, the corona, huge prominences of charged plasma arcing along

magnetic field lines, and many other wonders---all with small blurbs to keep you up to speed. But let the photos do the work. It'll blow you away. Best thing I got for Christmas this year!

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