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This brilliantly illustrated book taps into children's natural curiosity about the vast world of space. This level two reader, written in simple language that is easy for young readers to understand, introduces children to our solar system, including all of the planets and dwarf planets, and lots of fascinating fun facts. This reader helps cultivate the explorers of tomorrow! This high-interest, educationally vetted series of beginning readers features the magnificent images of National Geographic, accompanied by texts written by experienced, skilled children's book authors. The inside back cover of the paperback edition is an interactive feature based upon the book. Level 1 books reinforce the content of the book with a kinesthetic learning activity. In Level 2 books readers complete a Cloze letter, or fun fill-in, with vocabulary words. Releases simultaneously in Reinforced Library Binding: 978-1-4263-1037-9 , \$13.90/\$15.95 Can

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From Reader Review Planets for online ebook

Colin Soder says

Does fine as an intro to the solar system

One of the better National Geographic kids readers (which isn't saying a whole lot). It does not describe the planets individually but is more of an overview of the solar system. The graphics are OK but not great.

Milan Žila says

A simple introduction to the solar system. Short and simple sentences are used and words are explained well. Even though it's supposed to be read by an independent reader, my daughter memorized the solar system from this when she was 2, then forgot it by the time she turned 3 :) You can always get years of reading value with National Geographic Kids products.

The topic is well organized and I liked the quiz at the end. It's also a good introduction to a bigger book like Little Kids First Big Book of Space.

What I didn't like is how they change the hues of Uranus and Neptune. I feel like this is an oversight as on page 11 Neptune is dark blue, then on page 17 the hues of Neptune and Uranus are switched, on page 20 it's different yet again, then on page 30 it's back to the original hue. The inconsistency of the colours was confusing regardless of the reason why they did it.

Crystal says

Great teaching resource

My students Enjoyed. Good teaching supplement. Kept students engaged and asking more questions. Graphics were clear and brightly colored holding their interest

Manybooks says

I guess that NONE of the National Geographic Kids Readers seem to include bibliographies, citations and suggestions for further reading, and while this massively bothers me in and of itself, with Elizabeth Carney's [Planets](#), the shortcomings of not featuring such supplemental information and research possibilities really have hit home for me so to speak. For while [Planets](#) does indeed present an organised and decently informational introduction to the solar system, to our sun and the planets, due to the fact that this book is obviously geared to and has been conceptualised for recently independent child readers, it is thus by nature and plain necessity rather simplistic and sparse in detail and description (definitely understandable, albeit I do rather fault the author for not mentioning that Pluto used to be considered one of the planets and that its status of now being considered a dwarf planet is a relatively recent phenomenon). And yes indeed (and in my humble opinion) because the factual information on the Sun, on Mercury, Venus, the Earth, Mars etc. is so

lacking in detail (by the necessity of author Elizabeth Carney wanting to and also needing to keep her textual content, her printed words easily accessible to and for recently independent readers), supplemental, more detailed information that is not part of the text proper (including bibliographical information, including suggestions for further study and research) should really be a given, should be an absolutely required, necessary addition (as there will likely be both children and parents who might well desire more content, who might want more details, more information and the lack of websites, of possible books where this might be found, where this might be looked up in Planets, this really does sadly limit its potential teaching and learning value, especially with regard to easy and quick supplemental study and research).

Two and a half stars for Planets (and while I have indeed found Planets a generally readable, and above all a well organised introduction to the solar system, to the planets for young readers, the combination of a lack of any and all bibliographical lists, the complete absence of suggestions for further study and knowledge expansion alongside of those silly, lame and yes indeed noticeably repetitive riddles and puns is enough for me to once again only consider a two star ranking at best, although I do in fact and actually consider Planets as an adequate enough introduction to the solar system, but with definite and personally frustrating, annoying limitations).

Kevin lowman says

Love it I got a book a real book?

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National Geographic Readers

Sarah says

Summary: This National Geographic text for kids explains how the solar system, and the planets in it, works.
Evaluation: Like all National Geographic text and resources, the information is accurate and can be trusted by all users. The information included tells of what the different planets are made of, physical characteristics, and fun facts about each planet that makes them unique.

Teaching Idea: Use this text for a science unit about the solar system. Read the text to your class or have them read it themselves in groups. In lower level classes (1st-3rd grade), let students make a reference book about each planet with specific facts for each one and a picture to show the physical characteristics of the planets. For higher level classes (4th and 5th grade), in those same groups, have the students make a “scaled” model of what they think the solar system looks like by using different sized spheres. Once the groups are done, perform a more accurate scaling of the planets and their size based on one another.

Kalley the Chipmunk says

I liked it but I'm not really a space person, I like animal stuff.

Paige Scott says

- 1) This book is full of fun facts and riddles to figure out the planet each page and clue is describing. This book has everything from information about the Sun, the Solar System, the Moon, Dwarf Planets, and Earth. The book also has a section in the back to "Stump Your Parents" that allows the children to ask their parents the questions and see if they will know the answer, which I thought was fun and interactive for the students. All in all, I think this book would be great to use in the classroom!
- 2) Age Level: 5-8 years old, Grade Level: Kindergarten-3rd grade
- 3) Appropriate classroom use for this book would be during a science lesson, or when the students are learning about planets and the solar system
- 4) Individual students who might benefit from reading would be students wanting a more in depth description of the solar system, with vivid pictures to go along with each explanation.
- 5) As far as small group use with this book I would use this book, and some of the other series of this book and let them go around to different centers and read a different one at each center and let them ask the questions in the back of the book to each other.
- 6) As far as whole group use, we would figure out the riddles on each page interacting the whole class and letting the students try and guess what each page is describing, and then possibly have them create their own riddle pertaining to the Solar System.
- 7) Related Books: Volcanoes, Weird Sea Creatures, & Weather
- 8) There is a Kindle version of this book, and there are also many videos leading off of this book and many other topics on the National Geographic Kids website, which would be great for the classroom!

Zoey the Squirrel says

Wow. Just wow.

Laykin Toney says

Great short read for kids to learn about planets on their own!

Paul says

Love this book, especially the pictures. Good book to read with young children.

Amelia says

Planets is a great informational nonfiction book about the planets in our solar system. The book goes through each planet and the solar system overall including definitions for words young readers might not know such as orbit, gas, and weather. It states that some rockets that go to different planets or orbit in space are launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida. Other facts the book includes are that Jupiter has four moons, the tallest mountain is on Mars (called Olympus Mons), and that Neptune has winds that are much faster than Earth's strongest wind.

Kay Mcaloney says

Wonderful teaching at the appropriate level for learning about our planets and the solar system. Great visuals and descriptions. Highly recommend!

Amy says

I think that this book is really only going to be something special to kids who know very little about the solar system. My kindergarten aged nephew knew a bit; he told me that Earth was the third planet from the sun, he knew the planets furthest from the sun are the coldest, and he knew that Wall-e is a rover, similar to the Mars rovers pictured in this book. The problem was, the book was a little too long to hold his interest the whole time. We read this in Kindle format, so maybe if we would have had the bigger pictures afforded by paper books, he'd have had a longer attention span.

My third grade niece already knew most of the information presented in the book, so while she listened to it, I don't think that she really learned anything particularly new. A few things were new, but most of the book was solar system basics.

I guess, that as Earth is in relation to the sun, a kid just has to be in the sweet-spot educationally/developmentally speaking in order get the most from this book. First or second grade, perhaps? Also, go paper with this one.
