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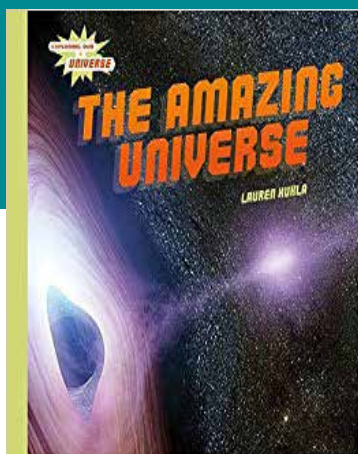
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Book Review

The Amazing Universe



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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool, Primary,
Intermediate

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32

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Exploring the cosmos can be fun yet intimidating. This informational text simplifies the universe and takes the reader through the theories and processes scientists have approached exploring space. Beginning with what we can observe in the night sky, the text, accompanied by stunning photos of the universe, journeys through the beginning of time until present-day space. Mysterious black holes are discussed in depth and the end of the book includes a black hole guidebook. Clues are discussed to explain how scientists have created their theories on how the universe began and how it may end.

This text would be good for older readers if it is being read independently, but it can also be used with younger readers. There are many words used in the text that are complex. Some of these words are highlighted in a different color and defined in the back of the book. There are other words that are not defined which may be complicated for younger readers. The photos used enhance the text and each photograph has a caption included underneath providing further explanations. The table of contents is simple, clear and concise. A timeline is included to help readers understand the beginning of the universe and its growth. Almost every other page includes a 'Did you know' box that provides fun facts for the reader. There is an index in the back and a website included where readers can go to learn more about the universe. This book would be a great resource for adults and children.