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Book Review

Older than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth

The universe, and this book, start with a big bang! The dust from the big bang clumped together into bigger and bigger pieces until planets and even stars were born. But the planets were much too hot to live on. The surface of magma cooled, and oceans slowly formed. Plate tectonics, Pangaea, volcanoes, evolution, ice ages and how the white cliffs of Dover formed from fish bones are all explained in simple language in Older than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth.

If you've read and enjoyed other works of Don Brown this will not disappoint. The layout, text, illustrations and even unusual shape of the book are similar to his other works. The art is more colorful than his other texts, but it fits the less melancholy subject matter. The pages are full color and are all full spread. He has a cartoon-like style of illustration and layout. The book is light and humorous, but effectively explains concepts and preemptively discusses points of possible confusion. This is an excellent and informative book.

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Illustrator

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate

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