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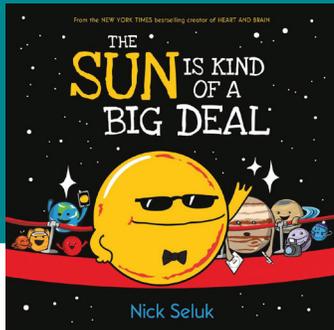
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Primary

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Our solar system has its own star—the sun! Our sun isn't the biggest star (it just looks bigger than others from our perspective on Earth). The planets move around the sun at different speeds on their own special tracks called orbits. The sun does a lot for everyone on Earth, including giving us light, keeping us warm, powering the water cycle, and feeding plants.

Nick Seluk's cartoon illustrations, complete with silly analogies and speech bubbles, make learning about the solar system fun, engaging, and easy for young minds to digest. There is a good mixture of fun facts for kids to memorize and explanations of astronomy concepts. Reading this book does not feel like work since Seluk keeps everything light and entertaining. Each concept receives a short but powerful explanation or description, so this book is definitely geared toward young readers who haven't been introduced to the topics yet or who enjoy memorizing facts. The lack of depth makes it a poor choice for most educational purposes.