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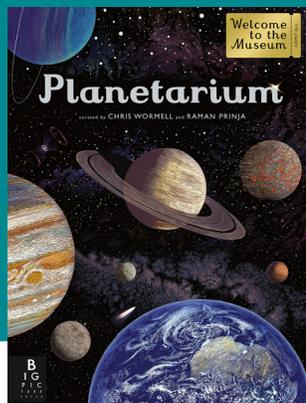
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Book Review

Welcome to the Museum: Planetarium

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Rating

Outstanding

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Primary, Intermediate,
Young Adult

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Humans have looked heavenward since the beginning of time. They recognized beauty and sought understanding, and this book inspires us to do the same. Turn the pages and travel through the cosmos to learn about how we observe space using radiation, modern observatories, and space telescopes. Study our solar system to review common characteristics about our planets and add some interesting facts to your repertoire (such as “if you could stand on Mercury’s surface, the nearby sun would appear three times larger in the sky than it looks to us on Earth”). Discover exoplanets, nebulae, constellations, the life cycle of stars, and how the universe may end. Get up to date with the centuries of observation and scientific inquiry that have yielded enough information to write out our “cosmic address” and describe distances using astronomical units, both of which (and more) are explained along this visual and textual cosmic journey.

From the publisher of Animalium, Botaniucum, Dinosaurium, and Historium comes another breathtaking book that every home should have on its shelf. Printed on high quality paper, Chris Wormell’s spreads using wood engraving and linocut techniques beautifully enrich the text. The warmth of Wormell’s style is reminiscent of medieval and renaissance scientific inquiry, and draws the reader in to study the illustration details and key for even more interstellar information. No less impressive is the content itself. Although author Raman Prinja is a supernova in his teaching field of astrophysics, his breadth and depth of knowledge is understated in his concise style and simple analogies. This is not an earlier elementary book, however, as Prinja frequently utilizes abstraction, particularly to demonstrate cosmologic distances and relative sizes. The content is thoughtfully arranged with an intuitive table of contents and index that enable it to be valuable reference material. The reader can also enjoy this publication as a front to back experience or as inspiration for educational rabbit trails leading from cosmology, geology, and history to mythology, physics, and astronomy.