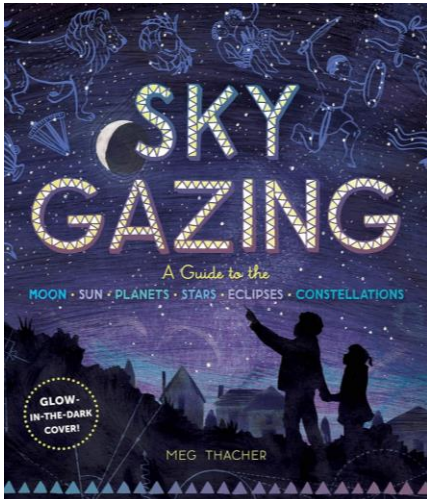


Discussion Guide for Families



Sky Gazing: A Guide to the Moon, Sun, Planets, Stars, Eclipses, and Constellations

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Themes: Astronomy, Exploration, Scientific Inquiry

Book Brief: A comprehensive guide designed for young readers to explore the wonders of the universe together.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Model how to connect to the story by sharing your experiences and curiosity about the night sky with your child. Talk about any moments you've spent looking at stars, observing the moon, or watching a meteor shower. Ask your child what they know about planets, stars, and constellations, and share any knowledge or questions you might have.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Engage your child's imagination by discussing the content in a way that relates to their feelings and experiences. Consider questions such as, "What do you think you would feel if you saw a shooting star for the first time?" or "How do you think scientists felt when they discovered a new planet?"

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What planet would you most like to learn more about? What questions would you ask a scientist about it?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Visiting a local planetarium or science museum to learn more about the universe in an interactive setting.