

## Author of the Week: Carl Sagan



Carl Edward Sagan (November 9, 1934 – December 20, 1996) was an American astronomer, cosmologist, astrophysicist, astrobiologist, author, science popularizer, and science communicator in astronomy and other natural sciences. He is best known for his work as a science popularizer and communicator. His best known scientific contribution is research on extraterrestrial life, including experimental demonstration of the production of amino acids from basic chemicals by radiation. Sagan assembled the first physical messages sent into space: The Pioneer plaque and the Voyager Golden Record, universal messages that could potentially be understood by any extraterrestrial intelligence that might find them. Sagan argued the now accepted hypothesis that the high surface temperatures of Venus can be attributed to and calculated using the greenhouse effect.

### His Life and career

Sagan published more than 600 scientific papers and articles and was author, co-author or editor of more than 20 books. He wrote many popular science books, such as *The Dragons of Eden*, *Broca's Brain* and *Pale Blue Dot*, and narrated and co-wrote the award-winning 1980 television series *Cosmos: A Personal Voyage*. The most widely watched series in the history of American public television, *Cosmos* has been seen by at least 500 million people across 60 different countries. The book *Cosmos* was published to accompany the series. He also wrote the science fiction novel *Contact*, the basis for a 1997 film of the same name. His papers, containing 595,000 items, are archived at The Library of Congress.

He is also the 1994 recipient of the Public Welfare Medal, the highest award of the National Academy of Sciences for "distinguished contributions in the application of science to the public welfare".

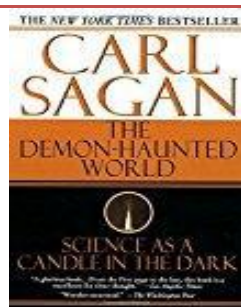
He received 20 honorary degrees from American colleges and universities for his contributions to science, literature, education, and the preservation of the environment.

*"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." --- Carl Sagan*

#### Important Links:

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl\\_Sagan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Sagan)
- <https://www.biography.com/people/carl-sagan-9469191>

## Books by Carl Sagan



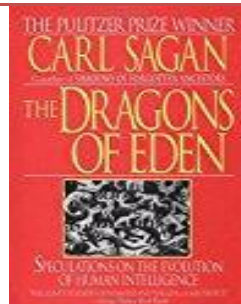
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**Author:** Carl Sagan

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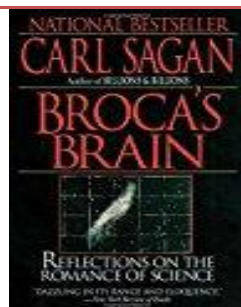
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**Author:** Carl Sagan

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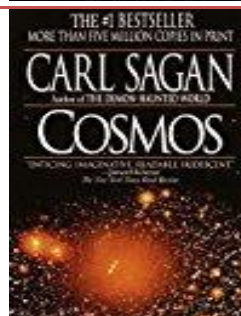
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**Author:** Carl Sagan

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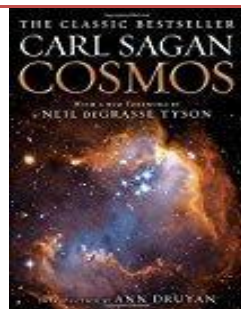
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**Author:** Carl Sagan

**Publisher:** Ballantine Books

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**Accession No.:** 014345



**Title:** Cosmos

**Author:** Carl Sagan

**Publisher:** Ballantine Books

**Call No.:** 520 SAG

**Accession No.:** 024229

## List of CD/DVDs by Carl Sagan

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**Title:** Cosmos: encyclopedia galactica, Part- XII; who speaks for earth? Part- XIII: Disc- 7

**Author:** Carl Sagan

**Publisher:** Shethia Audio Video

**Call No.:** 509 SAG

**Accession No.:** A00391

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**Title:** Cosmos: heaven and hell, Part- IV; blues for a red planet, Part- V: Disc 3

**Author:** Carl Sagan

**Publisher:** Shethia Audio Video

**Call No.:** 509 SAG

**Accession No.:** A00387

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**Title:** Cosmos: one voice in the cosmic fugue, Part- II; the harmony of the worlds, Part-III: Disc- 2

**Author:** Carl Sagan

**Publisher:** Shethia Audio Video

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**Title:** Cosmos: the edge of forever, Part- X; the persistence of memory: Disc- 6

**Author:** Carl Sagan

**Publisher:** Shethia Audio Video

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**Title:** Cosmos: the stories of the cosmic ocean, Part- I: Disc- 1

**Author:** Carl Sagan

**Publisher:** Shethia Audio Video

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**Title:** Cosmos: travelers' tales, Part- VI; the backbone of night, Part- VII: Disc- 4

**Author:** Carl Sagan

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**Title:** Cosmos: travels in space and time, Part- VIII; the lives of the stars, Part- IX: Disc- 5

**Author:** Carl Sagan

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