



Author of the Week: Neil deGrasse Tyson



“The good thing about science is that it’s true whether or not you believe in it.”

Life and career:

Neil deGrasse Tyson is an American astrophysicist, author, and science communicator. Since 1996, he has been the Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium at the Rose Center for Earth and Space in New York City. The center is part of the American Museum of Natural History, where Tyson founded the Department of Astrophysics in 1997 and has been a research associate in the department since 2003.

In 1996, he became director of the planetarium and oversaw its \$210 million reconstruction project, which was completed in 2000. From 1995 to 2005, Tyson wrote monthly essays in the "Universe" column for Natural History magazine, some of which were later published in his books *Death by Black Hole* (2007) and *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* (2017). During the same period, he wrote a monthly column in *StarDate* magazine, answering questions about the universe under the pen name "Merlin". Material from the column appeared in his books *Merlin's Tour of the Universe* (1998) and *Just Visiting This Planet* (1998). Tyson served on a 2001 government commission on the future of the U.S. aerospace industry, and on the 2004 Moon, Mars and Beyond commission. He was awarded the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal in the same year. From 2006 to 2011, he hosted the television show *NOVA ScienceNow* on PBS. Since 2009, Tyson has hosted the weekly podcast *StarTalk*. A spin-off, also called *StarTalk*, began airing on National Geographic in 2015. In 2014, he hosted the television series *Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey*, a successor to Carl Sagan's 1980 series *Cosmos: A Personal Voyage*. The U.S. National Academy of Sciences awarded Tyson the Public Welfare Medal in 2015 for his "extraordinary role in exciting the public about the wonders of science."

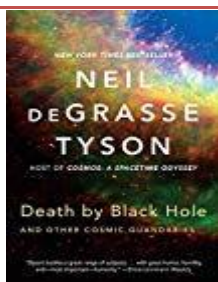
Awards and achievements:

- 2001 Medal of Excellence, Columbia University, New York City
- 2004 NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal
- 2005 Science Writing Award
- 2007 Klopsteg Memorial Award winner
- 2014 Critics' Choice Television Award for Best Reality Show Host
- 2014 Dunlap Prize
- 2015 Public Welfare Medal from the National Academy of Sciences
- 2015 Cosmos Award, Planetary Society
- 2017 Hubbard Medal, National Geographic Society
- 2017 Stephen Hawking Medal for Science Communication, Starmus
- 2017 Grammy Award for Best Spoken Word Album nomination for *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*

To know more about the author:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neil_deGrasse_Tyson#Awards
- <https://www.haydenplanetarium.org/tyson/>

Books by Neil deGrasse Tyson



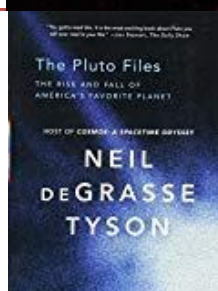
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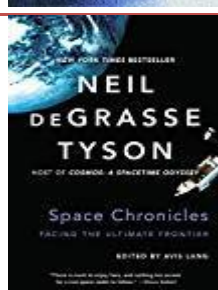
Title: Pluto files: the rise and fall of America's favorite planet

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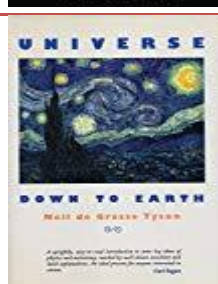
Title: Space chronicles: facing the ultimate frontier

Author: Tyson, Neil Degrasse and Lang, Avis (Ed.)

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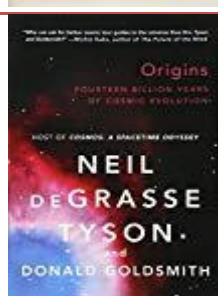
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Author: Tyson, Neil Degrasse

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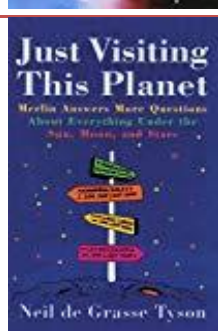
Title: Origins: fourteen billion years of cosmic evolution

Author: Tyson, Neil Degrasse and Goldsmith, Donald

Publisher: W.W. Norton and Company

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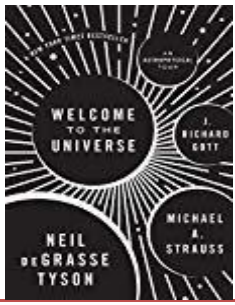
Title: Just visiting this planet: Merlin answers more questions about everything under the sun, moon, and stars

Author: Tyson, Neil Degrasse and Tyson, Stephen J. (Ill.)

Publisher: Doubleday

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Title: Welcome to the universe: an astrophysical tour

Author: Tyson, Neil Degrasse

Publisher: Princeton University Press

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