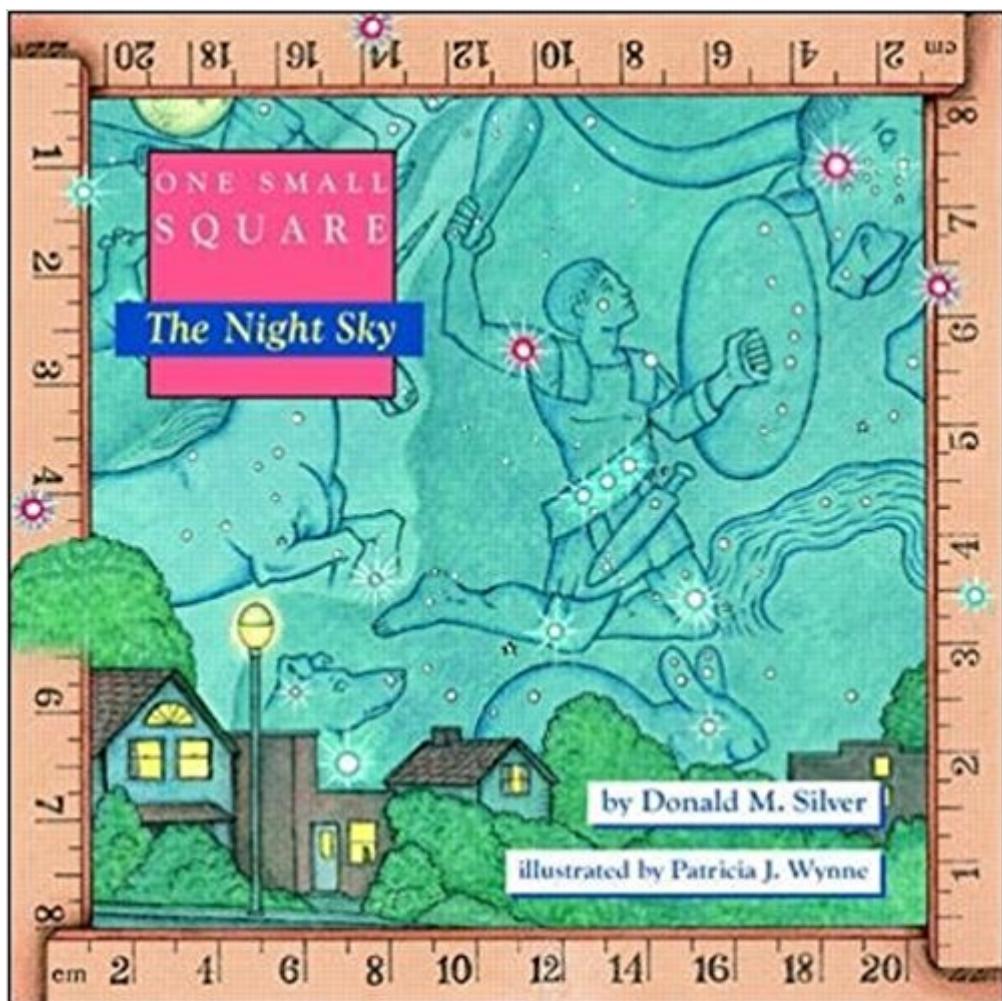


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# One Small Square, The Night Sky



## Synopsis

By focusing on one small square of night sky near Orion, this entry in a highly lauded series gives children aged 6 to 9 an exciting close-up on amazing facts about stars, planets, nebulae, comets, meteors, the moon, constellations, and classic myths. Suitable for stargazing anywhere— even the city—The Night Sky will add to kids' wonder as it teaches them about the marvels of the heavens through superb illustrations and a proven approach that entices their interest and involvement.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Magical - that's the word for the night sky, with its shining stars, glittering planets, and sometimes, the celestial moon, So god ahead - make a wish on that star. But if you're also curious about why your star twinkles, you've come to the right place. By focusing on one small square of night sky near Orion, The Night sky makes star time even more special for children. Its stunning illustrations and kid-oriented approach provide an exciting close-up on wonders that can be seen overhead after dark. Suitable for stargazing anywhere - even the city - the Night Sky will add to kids' wonder as it teaches them about stars, planets, nebulae, comets, meteors, the moon, constellations, and classic myths - through one small square of the night sky. The Night Sky is just one of the exciting, vibrantly

illustrated volumes in the critically acclaimed One Small Square series of science and nature books for children ages 6-9. This book includes: Stunning full-color illustrations; Motivating experiments and activities, along with clear, diagrammed instructions and safety tips; Easy to read sky maps; a glossary-index and resource list. One Small Square - an eye-opening series which puts the whole world in perspective for children, one small square at a time. Each book is a thrilling, up-close encounter with the natural world, from the stars above us to the habitats, ecosystems, and creatures around us.

Donald M. Silver is the author of more than 40 science books for children and teachers alike. In addition to the award-winning One Small Square series, he has written *The Animal World*, *Why Save the Rain Forest?*, *Extinction Is Forever*, and *The Dinosaur Activity Book* all illustrated by Patricia J. Wynne. Patricia J. Wynne's illustrations have also appeared in *Scientific American*, *Natural History*, and *The New York Times* as well as in the highly praised books *Hungry, Hungry Sharks*, and *The Human Body*. Both the author and illustrator live in New York City.

great book

The *Night Sky* is an excellent introduction to astronomy for children. I am a science teacher and have looked at many books preparing for my astronomy unit next year - and *The Night Sky* will be required reading for my class! Information is interesting and exciting. Stargazing is an essential part of the book, but done in the typical "One Small Square" fashion so as to interest and excite children with their new knowledge rather than overwhelm them. I loved this book! A must-have for any young scientist!

This wasn't my favorite in the One Small Square Series, but it is worth checking out if you're a fan of the series. There is a lot of text per page and it was above my youngest children's heads. We also had trouble doing the One Small Square activities that the text recommends (i.e. watching a patch of the night sky is much harder than watching a patch of your backyard!). But the illustrations are great, the coverage is broad, and the amount of information is deeper than the average children's book on astronomy. I think I liked it more than my children, but I did like it. I docked it one star because this book delves into controversial theory a bit. It subscribes to old-earth/universe theory: planets changing every 10 billion years, a meteor that crashed into Arizona 25000 years ago, a meteorite that hit earth 65 million years ago, and the possibility that another deadly space rock will

hit earth again. It doesn't figure aliens but it suggests there is life on other planets. It also says the moon had lava seas 3.5 billion years ago and that the moon might have been made from some of Earth's liquid rock being blasted into space billions of years ago. In my opinion, these last two scientific hypotheses are science fiction at best. And my first grader did not appreciate thinking about meteorites or asteroids hitting Earth again. So if you're skeptical of these kinds of things, you may want to skip this particular book in the Small Square series.

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