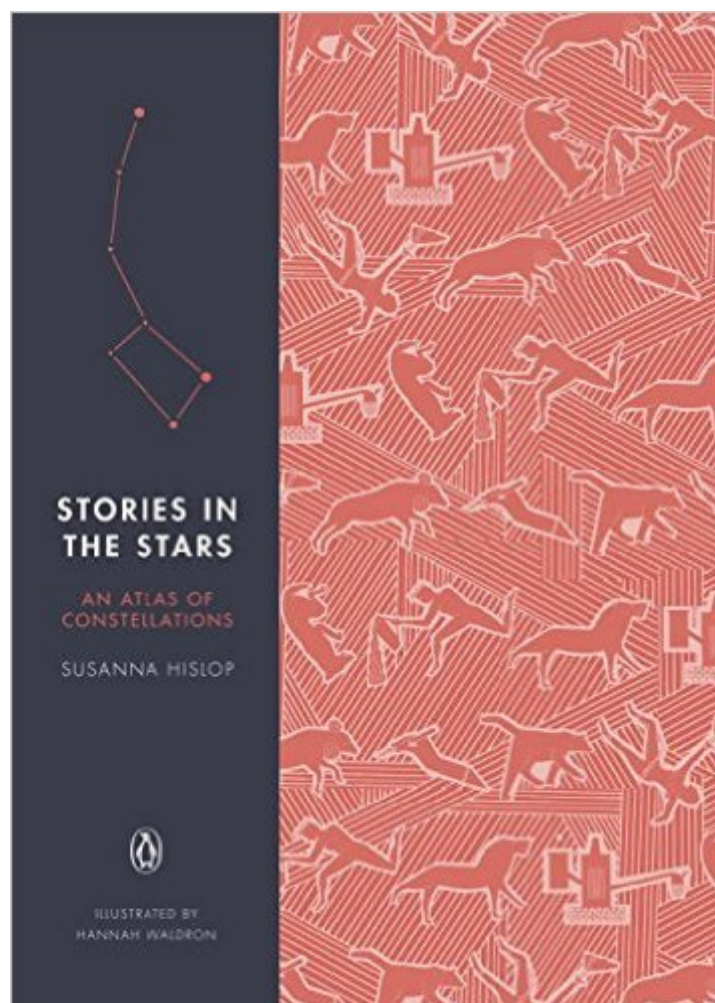


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# Stories In The Stars: An Atlas Of Constellations



## Synopsis

A beautifully illustrated Penguin Hardcover that invites readers to travel the night sky and discover the universe of stories in the stars. To those who can decipher it, the night sky is alive with gods and goddesses, animals and mythical creatures—an endless carnival played out in shining constellations. Amidst this jet-black canvas pricked with white dots, a hunter leaps in pursuit with his dogs at his heels, a sea monster threatens a maiden in distress, and a pair of twins lives forever. In *Stories in the Stars*, writer and stargazer Susanna Hislop and international artist Hannah Waldron present an imaginative journey through the heavens. Leaping between centuries, cultures, and traditions, they explore each of the night sky's eighty-eight constellations through gorgeous illustrations and vivid descriptions that will linger in readers' minds long after they've closed the book and stepped outside on a starry night.

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“No astronomy book can claim to be as beautiful as the night sky, but *Stories in the Stars* comes closest! I'm learning something new every day and having a lot of fun in the process.” —Tristan Gooley, *The Natural Navigator*

“Writer and astronomy lover Hislop explores all 88 constellations and artfully tells their stories in this singular book. . . .

Hislop's narratives are absorbing and often humorous. . . . Waldron's illustrations are simple yet striking, a perfect complement to the delightful written pieces. While not an atlas in the literal sense, this book is a fun and fascinating examination of the cosmos. This accessible

and engrossing title is recommended for those interested in astronomy, mythology, art, or history. *Library Journal*

Susanna Hislop is an actor, writer, and theater maker. She is artistic director of Slip of Steel theater company and a contributing editor of the *Junket*. She has also worked as a freelance journalist and writer for publications including the *Sunday Times* (London), the *Evening Standard* (London), and the *Telegraph* (U.K.), and has coauthored a *Connell Guide on Mrs. Dalloway* with John Sutherland. Hannah Waldron is an artist and designer based between London and Stockholm. Her graphic and narrative-led image making has been applied across a range of media, from print to textiles, at both a personal and an architectural scale.

Wonderful hardcopy to learn the stars. Great for beginners, too.

I purchased this as a gift for my DIL and she loved it!

Lovely to look at and hold. I bought myself a copy after seeing the one my brother gave my father at Christmas. (He was delighted as well. Proof that this title works well as a gift for the hard-to-shop-for.)

Enjoy the book but it is GP rating. Was intending to give to my Grandson, but not at this tender age.

Beware this book if you are actually looking for the true stories behind the constellations. I bought this for a research project for my child only to be dismayed when each story is the author's retelling only loosely based on the original stories. Nowhere in the description is this disclaimed, and now my child still has no research book and I have to start looking again. Very, very disappointed.

I found this in a local bookstore and it was exactly what I was looking for...a kind of anthology of mythological stories of the constellations in the sky. Although there are illustrated constellations, it's not the kind of star atlas that shows you how to find Messier objects, planets, or other astronomical features with your telescope or binoculars--be aware of what you're getting. For me, this was a great book to use to get familiar with the stories behind the stars and then head out to the backyard with my son for a "campfire-like" storytelling session. The stories (and some poetry) are laid out on a page or two, while the image depicting the constellation (artist illustration) is on the facing page. I

absolutely love it!

I read this for research while trying to get better acquainted with star myth. Though the short stories in this book didn't provide as much of an academic perspective as I expected, I was delighted that these humorous, random interpretations of the stars really did stick with me so that for the first time, I really could trace constellations in the sky!

Probably-no definitely one of the coolest books I own! It's visually pleasing and has tons of interesting facts and info on the stars in our sky!

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