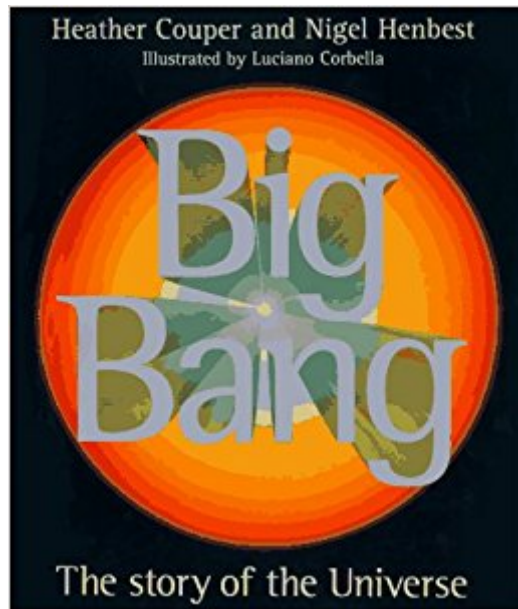




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Gr. 5-8. The dramatic jacket graphics, with the words "Big Bang" in shiny silver exploding from the central circle of light, will attract readers. Only the most determined will stick with the text to the end, but that doesn't mean they won't pick up something mindstretching along the way. On each

double-page spread is a large, colorful painting, usually accompanied by several smaller paintings or photos or both. In short blocks of text, sidebars, and captions (which all presuppose some knowledge of science and a pretty good vocabulary), Couper and Henbest explain what the big bang theory is, what it means in understanding the universe, what it implies for the future, and what various astronomers and physicists have achieved. An enthusiastic and visually dynamic, though sometimes confusing, offering on a complex topic that few books even attempt to present to children. Carolyn Phelan

Couldn't of purchased a finer book regarding the Big Bang. Thank you so very much!!!

This book is the best synopsis of the Big Bang I have found yet to date. It is accurate with respect to recent understandings of the creation, history and future of the universe. It is intended as a children's book, but I believe it is really an adult book. It requires some knowledge and previous studying of the topic to fully comprehend its content. I have tried to read it to 8 and 12 year old children, but it is beyond their capabilities. This book puts in a graphical way, the information that is so much of the time only mental constructs. I love the illustrations and how they allow my mind to expand, trying to comprehend the magnitude of this topic. I compare this book with Steven Hawking's Universe video program in it's information and production quality, but it takes a much shorter time to get through, and you can spend time studying a particular page until you understand all that is there. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in studying the subject.

This book provides an excellent introduction to the concepts in modern cosmology, though it may be more suitable for adults than children. The book spans the range of the earliest moments after the big bang to the formation of nuclei, atoms and eventually the galaxies we see around us. The illustrations are lovely and serve the purpose of bringing the material to a general audience.

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