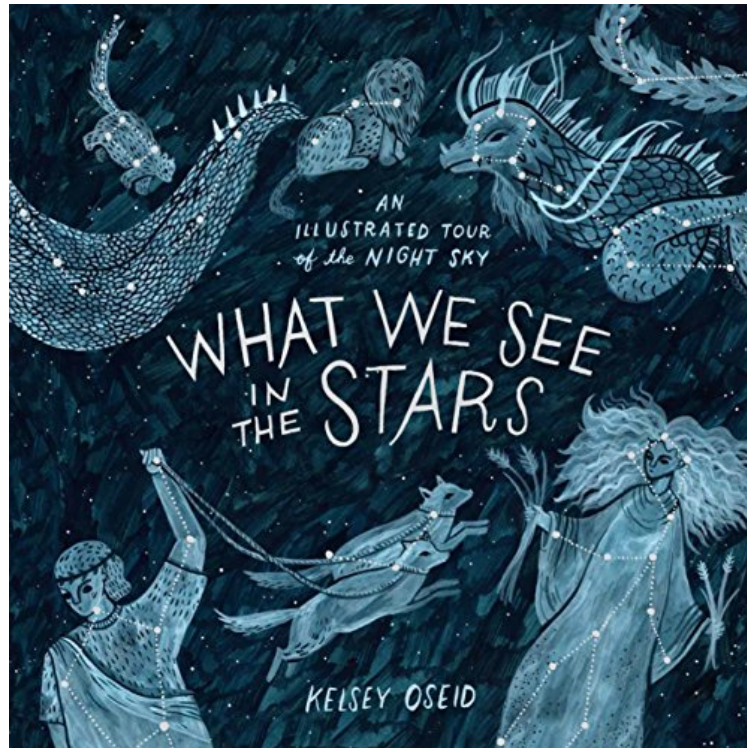


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Kelsey Oseid : What We See in the Stars: An Illustrated Tour of the Night Sky before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What We See in the Stars: An Illustrated Tour of the Night Sky:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A New Outlook on the Amazing Night Sky By Amy Bizzarri This is such a magical book on a subject that is just so undertaught in our schools: the stars, the planets, and the universe that envelop us. The stars in the sky have long fascinated their night-gazers, but not everyone can recall the stories behind them. By showcasing the art, mythology, and science behind the stars, Oseid leaves readers with an entirely new outlook on the night sky. I love how this beautifully packaged book intermixes art while sharing the planetary and space science behind the constellations, moon, stars, and the visible planets. Though it's designed with younger readers in mind - and the beautiful illustrations are quite simply captivating - this book is a great pick for anyone interested in learning about space. Makes a charming gift for the child or star-lover in your life! I was offered a review copy of this book from Blogging for Books but all opinions are my own. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Go outside at night and look up! By Paul Mastin When I look up in the sky, what do I see? Not much, really. First of all, I don't often know what to look for. More importantly though, like the vast majority of us, I live in an area where light pollution prevents me from seeing all but the brightest stars. Kelsey Oseid can't do much about light pollution, but she can dispel some of our ignorance about the night sky. What We See in the Stars: An Illustrated Tour of the Night Sky may be directed at younger readers, but like all good children's books, it provides enough engaging information that adults will enjoy it as well. The bulk of What We See in the Stars describes many constellations, but she includes

chapters on the sun, moon, planets, and other objects. I like her descriptions and background of the constellations, but she doesn't give a lot of guidance to finding them in the night sky. Maybe it's a moot point, since most of us can't even see them. Also, any resource I've ever looked at about constellations leaves me still wondering how in the world the ancients saw that particular shape in the particular cluster of stars. . . . However, Oseid identifies a constellation that even one as unimaginative as I can appreciate: Triangulum! It looks just like the name suggests! Thank you! What We See in the Stars is not a field manual or a star atlas, but more of a prelude to either. It will answer questions you always wondered about, regarding the tides, the phases of the moon, the sun, our place in the universe, and, of course, the constellations. Let Oseid whet your appetite to get out of town, look up, and see the sky as God intended it to be seen. Thanks the NetGalley and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy! 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Impressive! By sunnigurl1230I was surprisingly pleased with What We See in the Stars. Based on the cover, I was expecting a book geared more toward younger people, but once I opened up the book and started reading, I was roped right in. That cover! It's beautiful with the shades of blue and sparkling silver. The illustrations throughout the book are just as wonderful and help paint a picture of what these shining lights in the sky represented to so many. The book does a good job of briefly describing constellations and the parts of the solar system. My only disappointment was that there's no real guide of how to see these constellations in person. I thought this book was going to be a guide of sorts, but it's more of a history lesson. Overall though, I liked this book a lot and highly recommend it for those who are fascinated with the night sky.

A richly illustrated guide to the myths, histories, and science of the celestial bodies of our solar system, with stories and information about constellations, planets, comets, the northern lights, and more. Combining art, mythology, and science, What We See in the Stars gives readers a tour of the night sky through more than 100 magical pieces of original art, all accompanied by text that weaves related legends and lore with scientific facts. This beautifully packaged book covers the night sky's most brilliant features--such as the constellations, the moon, the bright stars, and the visible planets--as well as less familiar celestial phenomena like the outer planets, nebulae, and deep space. Adults seeking to recapture the magic of youthful stargazing, younger readers interested in learning about natural history and outer space, and those who appreciate beautiful, hand-painted art will all delight in this charming book.

"What We See in the Stars explains the human connection we have to the cosmos and the scientific discoveries made by people from around the world over several centuries. Beautifully illustrated, its inky pages take you on a journey to swim alongside the stars and celestial bodies throughout our galaxy. Kelsey Oseid makes you aware of your own unique place in spacetime and artfully shows why you should keep looking up." —Ariel Waldman, author of *What's It Like in Space?*

"This book is a beautiful way to learn about the science and history of the night sky. Kelsey Oseid's beautiful paintings seem to be speckled with starlight and truly bring to life facts about astronomy, astrology, and mythology, from the mechanics of meteor showers to the tools used to map and name ancient constellations. What We See in the Stars is an amazing resource for anyone who ever looks up at the sky in wonderment." —Rachel Ignotofsky, author of *Women in Science*

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INTRODUCTION For most of human history, our understanding of the cosmos was based not on scientific evidence, but on our direct observations of the night sky as we gazed up at its sparkling, dark expanse. We once imagined the sky to be something like a hollow, spherical shell surrounding the Earth, and stars as bright points on that shell. When we began to notice that some of those bright points took different paths across the sky than the rest, we altered our explanation: the Earth was encased not by one sphere, but by many perfectly transparent crystal spheres nested inside one another and spinning in different directions. Onto these, we mapped constellations, the sun, and the moon. Our old theories about how the universe worked were flawed, but stargazing was still key to some of humanity's most important achievements. Calendars based on the movement of the sun, moon, and stars were important to the development of early agriculture. Navigation based on the positions of the constellations helped explorers sail the globe. The importance of the stars in our history is undeniable. With so many of us spending a majority of our time indoors and living in light-polluted cities, our stargazing is often limited to occasionally noticing the moon on a particularly luminous night. Even the Milky Way—our own home galaxy that appears as a soft stream of light stretching across the sky—is impossible to see when drowned out by the artificial light of our modern world. We can forget the magic of the night sky. To take a moment and gaze up is to connect to an ancient human experience, and can be a great source of wonder and awe. This book is a tour of the night sky, centered on the old names and stories still in use by astronomers today. It will cover the most brilliant features of our solar system: the constellations, the moon, the bright stars, and the visible planets. And it will delve into less familiar celestial phenomena too, like the outer planets and deep space. Through it all, we'll explore some of the ancient mythology behind our night sky, as well as the basic science

behind what we see—and don't see—in the stars.