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How old are you?--Older than you think.

In a way, we are all as old as the universe itself. In fact, every bit of every one of us was created in the Big Bang, billions of years ago.

Stunning illustrations and lively verse tell the story of the cosmic connections that tie human beings to the beginning of the universe. Simple, informative prose provides additional facts.

## Older Than the Stars Details

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# From Reader Review Older Than the Stars for online ebook

## Lastoadri says

Really nice in explaining the big bang for kids..

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## Arapahoe Libraries says

What a great explanation of the Big Bang theory. Written for young children but made some good sense to this non science-minded adult. Great illustrations and an emphasis on the idea that we are all made of some very old parts. What kid doesn't want to think they are breathing the same oxygen as the dinosaurs!

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## Nadima El-khalafawi says

A great introduction to how the universe and our World was formed for children. It is written in a 'This is the house that Jack built' type format with bright stylized pictures. It drives home the message that everybody and every thing in the universe are all made from the same 'stuff'. My little boy and I loved it!

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## Colleen Roberts says

This Informational text is about matter and how it relates to humans as well as the whole universe. It shows children how we are made up of little atoms, but so are planets around the universe! I would recommend this for grade 1-3, possibly as a read aloud. Some of the information on the pages takes over the picture a little bit too much possibly for 1st graders, but give students a lot of information. The text is cool because it is all over the pages.

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## Marjorie Ingall says

I freaking LOVED this. It's a "this is the house that Jack built"-style poem about the Big Bang Theory. Sounds off-putting, but I swear, it's delightful. Works as a straight-up poem, but there are also text boxes on each page that go deeper into the science of cosmology. And the art is wonderful. Gorgeous, gorgeous book. I'm not sure how big the audience is for an odd-duck hybrid like this, but I hope there *is* an audience.

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## Mistiemae1 Downs says

Older Than the Stars explains the formation of our universe, solar system, sun, planet, and humans themselves in language that children can understand. It is a clever, rhyming rendition along the lines of "This is the House that Jack Built." My children had it memorized after just a few readings. The book begins, "You

are older than the dinosaurs. Older than the earth." I could see the eyes of the children light up after just these first two sentences.

The illustrations are bright and engaging abstracts with a sort of tribal vibe. Our favorite was on the last page of the story, the outline of a child filled with stars.

The special beauty of *Older Than the Stars* is its appropriateness for different age levels. The ongoing rhyming narrative of the story is punctuated by blocks of explanatory information, such as how atoms formed and what the first elements of the universe were. When reading for younger children, you can skip the information blocks and simply read the main story. If your children are older, they will appreciate the added insight that the author has provided. I was reading for a group of children ranging in age from 2 to 8, and they all enjoyed the book.

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### **Malia says**

I wanted to love this book because I love the idea of thinking about the matter that makes up our bodies and how old it is.

But I've always found cumulative tales annoying, even as a kid (I was loath to have to sing *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*). Also, the art in this book is frenetic in a way that was anxiety-inducing instead of energizing for me personally.

So it's a very not-for-Malias kind of book, but I can certainly imagine others loving it.

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### **Amy says**

My niece loves science (thank God). When we went to the library today, she wanted a non-fiction book about astronomy, and my nephew (who is extremely talented at choosing good books) randomly pulled this off the shelf, handed it to his sister, and said, "Here you go, Sister. You'll like this one."

This book was absolutely fantastic! The whole idea of the formation of the universe, and all of the extremely complex chemistry, physics, and things-I-can't-even-fathom, were boiled down into an intelligent but extremely kid friendly presentation in this book. The kids and I were marveling at the miracle of the universe, and we were awe-struck by how incredibly *part* of the universe humans really are. The book did a great job of explaining *from a scientific viewpoint* how the Earth and humans came to be.

The book was probably more accessible to my eight-year old niece, but you know what? My four-year old nephew was sitting and listening to it, too--the book was *that* kid-friendly. The only reason that I'm not giving this five stars is the pictures were kind of "meh." I kind of expected a book about this grand of a thing to have more impressive pictures, but the competency, accessibility, and thought-provoking nature of the story made the illustrations only a minor quibble.

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## **Gofita says**

I really enjoyed this one and so did my 3-year-old son. The poetry and illustrations are really fun. Each page also has a small explanation of the science. A mini history of the Universe, our solar system, Earth, and ourselves are all packed into this exciting book for kids.

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## **Ricardo Tijerina says**

The book is so interesting it is telling you the time line of the universe

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## **Aileen says**

This was a fun read but quite technical for a kids book. The repeating rhyme was fun but I kept getting of kilter because on each page is that part of the rhyme and then a technical explanation. I would read it twice once just the rhyme and once just the technical stuff or save the technical stuff for the older kids to read on their own. It didn't make for very fun read-aloud.

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## **Shannon Butler says**

A fantastic introduction to the Big Bang theory that works on two levels. The first is a "The House that Jack Built" style poem for younger readers and the second in the form of more detailed asides for older children. The art is stunning and the text is swirled within the illustrations to allow the reader to get lost in their own journey through space.

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## **Teresa says**

This is a lovely two-layered book spanning from the start of the universe to you, the reader. One layer is a cumulative, poetic one for younger kids and the other layer is prose that expands on the explanation for older kids. The scientific explanation, in my opinion, was quite well done.

I don't care as much for the art style but I know the bright colors and primitive look is appealing to a lot of kids.

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## **Will White says**

It has always been difficult for me to explain to my kids how the universe began. This book makes it easy. Not only have I got a better grasp, but my kids have a picture book that lays it out in simple text. The rhythm of the words make it easy to remember, and the author also provides more detail of the events in sidebars that helped me answer questions.

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## **Jennifer Yawson says**

This nonfiction book is an explanation for young children about the big bang theory and gets them thinking about age and the universe in general. It is a rhyming book that young readers are able to relate to and become easily interested in. Topics like the big bang theory and the universe in general, even age can be daunting, scary and confusing to young children but books like this one make learning, understanding and explaining these topics a little easier to get across

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