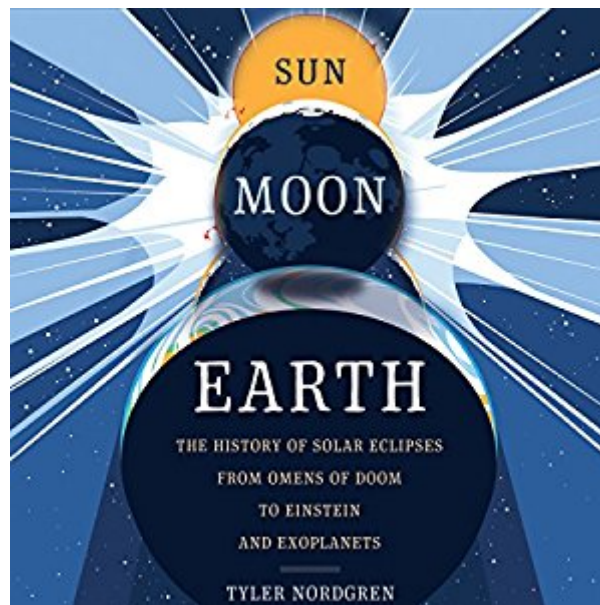




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Sun Moon Earth: The History Of Solar Eclipses From Omens Of Doom To Einstein And Exoplanets



Synopsis

On August 21, 2017, more than 10 million Americans will experience an awe-inspiring phenomenon: the first total eclipse of the sun in America in almost 40 years. In *Sun Moon Earth*, astronomer Tyler Nordgren illustrates how this most seemingly unnatural of natural phenomena was transformed from a fearsome omen to a tourist attraction. From the astrologers of ancient China and Babylon to the high priests of the Maya, *Sun Moon Earth* takes us around the world to show how different cultures interpreted these dramatic events. Greek philosophers discovered eclipses' cause and used them to measure their world and the cosmos beyond. Victorian-era scientists mounted eclipse expeditions during the age of globe-spanning empires. And modern-day physicists continue to use eclipses to confirm Einstein's theory of relativity. *Sun Moon Earth* is the ideal guide for all eclipse watchers and star gazers alike.

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Customer Reviews

I gave this book to my hubby before we went to see the 2017 Totality. He enjoyed reading it outloud to our family but I was disappointed by the books for a couple of reasons. First this isn't so much "history" as it is introductory science. That's fine but I was expecting most of the chapters to talk about how solar eclipses have been seen by humans and inspired them in art, religious, science, etc. I wanted to learn more about events in human history impacted by solar eclipses in more than the one chapter. Second I think the description of what the totality would like like was misleading. More information about environmental and weather's influence on what we would see was needed because we ended up being disappointed.

This is an excellent book about solar eclipses. Well written and fun to read. The author is very engaging. Check out an interview with him here: [...] Highly recommended and also highly recommend that you plan on seeing the total eclipse next August!

A readable account of eclipses in history and especially the role they have played in forming our basic concepts of science and the universe. Very timely and written at a level accessible to inquisitive people who have not gone beyond high school science classes. Fun to read!

A pretty basic introduction into astronomy with some interesting tidbits on how eclipses have aided science in the pursuit to better understand the universe. I'm going to travel down to the path of totality this August for the eclipse this year (2017) and it definitely got me excited to witness this rare phenomenon. Probably the most excited I've gotten about anything this year and it's not even on Earth.

This is a wonderful book for understanding the eclipse of 2017 and the history of eclipses as well! I have recommended this book to quite a few people because of all the fun details and stories with great science woven together. It's a great story and great science. I am really excited for tomorrow's eclipse, but will certainly reference this book again and again!

After reading this, i find it mandatory to be there and experience totality in person. Professor Nordgren's take on this event shared by humanity over the centuries is engaging and informative. His description of experiencing the moments of totality cemented my plans to be there myself.

I was hoping for more science on eclipses and instead found myself skimming over page of stories of eclipse chasers.

Great book

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