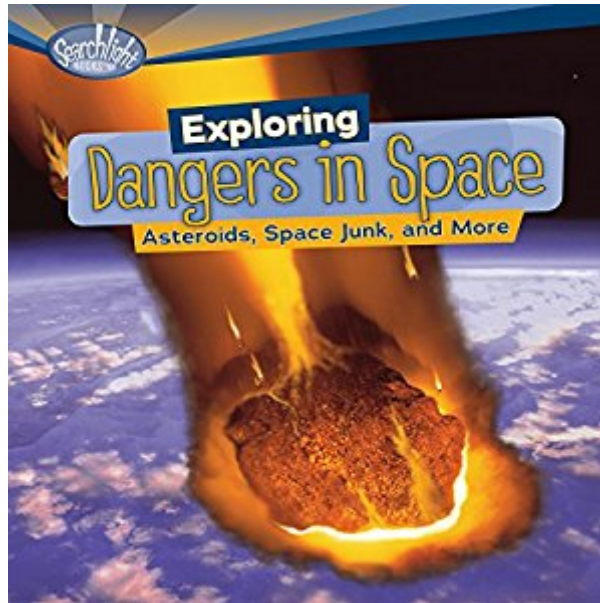




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Have objects from space ever hit Earth? Yes! Every day, small meteoroids crash into the atmosphere. Some burn up, but some hit the ground. Space junk also falls to Earth. Comets and asteroids struck Earth long ago. In this book, you'll learn how scientists watch out for large collisions and what they might do if Earth is in danger. As part of the Searchlight Books™ collection, this series explores outer space and sheds light on the question: what's amazing about space? Kid-friendly explanations of science concepts will help you discover the answers!

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If you've ever glanced up into the sky on a clear summer's day you might see something streaking across the sky. Many people might call the object a shooting star, but "it is not really a star ... it is a small rock from outer space." When the rock comes into the Earth's atmosphere it burns and creates the light you see in the sky. Space rocks can be found circling, or orbiting the sun. They vary in size from dust sized to the largest one that "is about the size of Texas." Asteroids and comets also orbit the sun, but they tend to be much larger than space rocks. Scientists think asteroids were created when the planets formed. Comets are made of ice, dust particles, and rocks. Meteoroids are yet another object that orbits the sun. These also vary in size "as small as a sand grain" up to the size of a boulder. You'll learn the unusual way they form and what happens when they enter Earth's atmosphere as meteors. If any of them travel through the atmosphere and reach the ground they are called meteorites. There are other unusual objects that orbit our Earth that once served a valuable purpose, but now are considered to be space junk. In this book you'll also learn about craters (Earth and Moon), asteroid and comet strikes (Earth and Jupiter), you'll learn about the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaur population, what would happen if we received

another large impact from a space object, when we might expect this to occur again, how we can protect ourselves from strikes, and you'll learn many other interesting facts about the dangers the Earth faces from objects in space. This is an interesting book on an assortment of objects in space that could endanger the Earth. The material in this book has a lot of information on several different space objects that could potentially strike the Earth, but has more of a fascination bent than an overly alarmist one. For the curious space loving student or wannabe astronomer this book will be of high interest. The book is generously illustrated with photographs and artist's renditions of space objects. For example, one shows what an asteroid might have looked like 65 million years ago as it struck the Earth. One of the most interesting photographs is one of a man posing with a piece of space junk, the Skylab, that fell to Earth in 1979. In the back of the book is an index, a glossary and additional recommended book and website resources to explore. This book courtesy of the publisher.

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