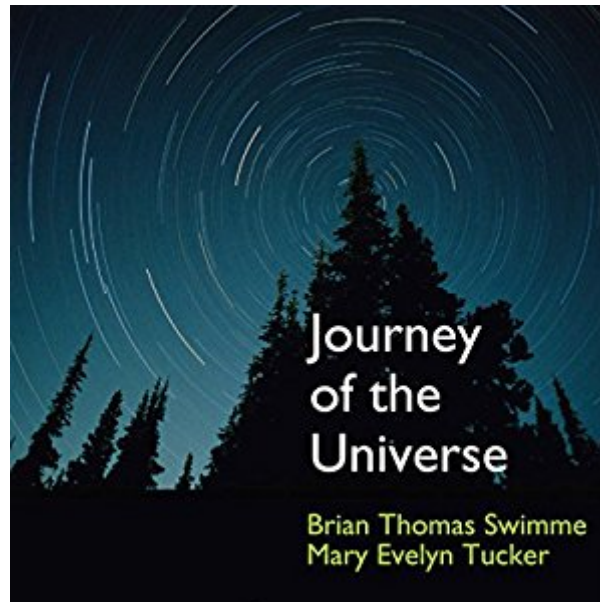




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Today we know what no previous generation knew: the history of the universe and of the unfolding of life on Earth. Through the astonishing combined achievements of natural scientists worldwide, we now have a detailed account of how galaxies and stars, planets and living organisms, human beings and human consciousness came to be. And yet...we thirst for answers to questions that have haunted humanity from the very beginning. What is our place in the 14-billion-year history of the universe? What roles do we play in Earth's history? How do we connect with the intricate web of life on Earth? In *Journey of the Universe* Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker tell the epic story of the universe from an inspired new perspective, weaving the findings of modern science together with enduring wisdom found in the humanistic traditions of the West, China, India, and indigenous peoples. The authors explore cosmic evolution as a profoundly wondrous process based on creativity, connection, and interdependence, and they envision an unprecedented opportunity for the world's people to address the daunting ecological and social challenges of our times. *Journey of the Universe* transforms how we understand our origins and envision our future. Though a little book, it tells a big story - one that inspires hope for a way in which Earth and its human civilizations could flourish together. This book is part of a larger project that includes a documentary film, an educational DVD series, and a website. The film and the DVD series will be released in 2011. For more information, please consult the website, journeyoftheuniverse.org.

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Customer Reviews

This is a life changing read for those who value their Spiritual foundation, their understanding of Cosmology and an effort to walk faithfully and knowledgeably in this century. The book gives a great overview of current science of the creation of the Universe and our evolution. It gives great data in a way that is understandable to the layman. It is not iconoclastic and pejorative towards the reader. This open style of writing is welcome and inviting. It is a great place to start a journey of understanding Cosmology. I invite spiritual seekers to read this book and use it to add to their spiritual practice of reflecting and mindful respect for our earth and the Universe.

For those whose spiritual quest goes beyond conventional religion and orthodoxy, this is a refreshing and delightful aid to enlightenment; for those who are bio and cosmic nerds with all the blinding 'facts', stats, projections and empirical data of science, but have intuitively glimpsed the underlying mystery and loving intelligence of creation's evolutionary journey, this book will elevate your human consciousness to new and daring heights. In essence 'Journey of the Universe' in clear, poetic prose reminds us - ever so elegantly - of how we got here (on an ever-so-bumpy ride at times) and how we are, and will continue to be, a living, breathing, evolving, integral part of this multi-dimensional, ever expanding universe - a universe that (from our Earthling perspective) has to be our reference point on all matters of coexistence, human dignity, justice, interdependence, and the overall flourishing of our little planet on the edge of the Milky Way Galaxy.

It was about 15 years ago that I discovered "The Universe Story" by Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry. It was of those books that forever changed me, my perspective. Like the current book, "Journey of the Universe", it presented the story of the universe from inception to now in 300 pages. "Journey of the Universe" remarkably shrinks the presentation to 117 pages and gives the very essence of how we came into being and where we are in the great chain of being. It is a remarkable accomplishment both for its scope and its artistry. I would like to focus only on one point, but in my opinion, this point is at the heart of human transformation. It answers the question "what changes everything". And the "answer" is that you (and I and everything else) is in fact the universe manifesting in a particular form. The rose in the particular form of a flower, the golden retriever in the particular form of a dog and you (and I) in the particular form of a human. To fully penetrate this mystery does in fact change everything.

Managing to tell the history of the Universe in just 120 pages : what a beautiful and stunning accomplishment ! This is the story that all of us should read, or hear about ! There's a DVD in which

Brian Swimme tells this modern tale of our fantastic adventure, and it ought to be shown in every school in the country. This book is just a pure jewel. Perfect. Brilliant. PS : I had a publisher buy the French rights of it and I had the great pleasure and honour of translating it into French !

This is a very readable explanation of the un-explainable for non scientists (and most scientists) and especially for those who know still think God is a person or a being. I can now grasp the wonder of the random universe created by the dynamic tension between energy forces and self organizing particles and waves of energy. The last half of the book paints a wonderful image of the 'recreation' of our planet in a cycle of destruction and recreation several times in its 4 billion year history. I cannot comprehend the immensity of the universe or the sense of time but I can see the the egg image of the earth with its thin layers of crust and molten center constantly changing and producing new life. We read this in our men's reading group at our church -- good discussion simulator.

Not incredibly technical (and that's okay by me), but it's a wondrous story of the Universe, Big Bang style, in simpler terms. It almost has a poetic feel to it as the story is told as a continuing unfolding of the Universe with life on Earth being a part of the bigger story. It tells how our "smaller" story of humanity fits into the picture and poses the emergence of humans as the Universe looking back at and pondering itself. I found it to be a very beautiful saga of everything!

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