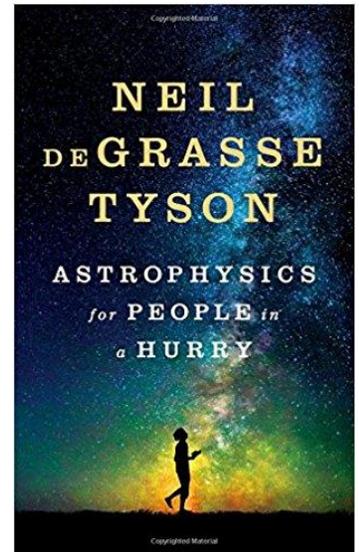


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Books by the Stack
Discussion Questions

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry
by Neil deGrasse Tyson



1. What have you learned from reading Neil deGrasse Tyson's book about physics and astronomy that you did not know before?
2. How accessible is Tyson's book to a non-scientist? How much of the information were you able to grasp?
3. Consider the slenderness of the book — and the fact that there are only about 200 words on each page. Does the physical slightness of book detract from or enhance your reading experience?
4. Did you find *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* interesting? Has it inspired you to want to learn more about the subject?
5. Is there a particular chapter or topic that you find more interesting than others? Consider dark matter or Einstein's General Theory of Relativity? What about the chapter on exoplanets?
6. What does Tyson mean by "cosmic perspective"? Does his view resonate with you or not?
7. Tyson has a gift for picturesque facts and analogies like the fact that two cubic feet of iridium has the same weight as a Buick ... or the fact that a pulsar has about as much density as 100 elephants crammed into a Chap Stick case. Are there others that struck you as particularly helpful or clever?
8. What do you think of the title of the book?
9. How familiar were you with Neil deGrasse Tyson before reading this book? Have you read any of his other books or articles? Have you watched any of his television shows, his 2014 sequel to Carl Sagan's *Cosmos*, for instance. Or perhaps you've seen his Great Courses lectures or listened to StarTalk, his podcast? Will you seek them out after reading this book?
10. Would you recommend others read this book?