

***The Day the Universe Exploded My Head:
Poems to Take You Into Space and Back Again***

Author: Allan Wolf

Illustrator: Anna Raff

Related Books:

The Library of Ever by Zeno Alexander

The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems by Paul B. Janeczko

Websites:

Author website: <http://www.allanwolf.com/>

Illustrator website: <https://www.annaraff.com/#/the-day-the-universe-exploded-my-head/>

Teaching Guide: <https://www.nasa.gov/stem/foreducators/k-12/index.html>

Book Trailer: <https://youtu.be/G-eU0y37dao>

Book Talk:

What? Your brain hasn't exploded yet? You need this book! Mix one part facts and one part fun, and stir up something that just might explode your head! Pick up this book and you can munch on a moon buffet. Or you might go spend time with a planet and become it's lunch! Fly through space in the pages of this book, traveling at the speed of light and visiting different worlds. Soon your brain will be filled with so many facts and so much fun...that it just might EXPLODE!

Discussion Questions:

- Choose a poem and figure out its rhyme pattern.
- What poems in this book were written about stars?
- Which of the poems in this book are “blues” poems?
- Of all the people and space missions mentioned in this book, which do you think has had the greatest significance? Defend your answer.

Activities:

- [ESA \(European Space Agency\) Activities](#)
- Read Together: Several of Allan Wolf's poems contain color-coded text for the purpose of multiple readers sharing poems aloud. “Shooting Stars,” The Moons of Mars,” and “Going the Distance” are just some examples you can read aloud with family, friends, or classmates.
- Learning-at-Home and School Activities
 - [A Star is Born Maze](#)
 - [Asteroid Day--Finding the Difference](#)
 - [SpacePlace Crafts](#)
- Online Learning Activities

- [Astro at Home: free online astronomy mini-courses for kids aged 8-12](#)
- [Explore the Galaxy in Virtual Reality!](#)
- [NASA SpacePlace Games](#)
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