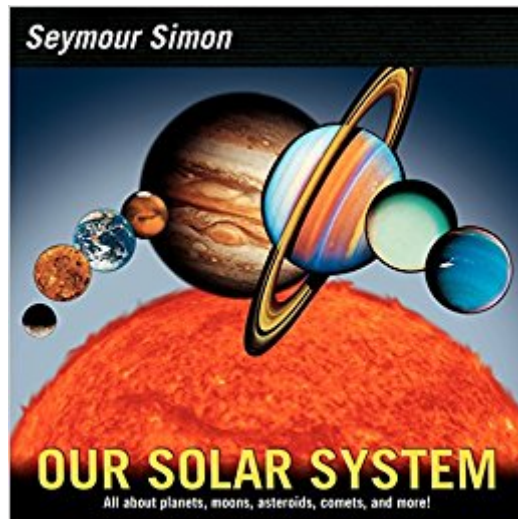


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# Our Solar System: Revised Edition



## Synopsis

In this completely updated edition of *Our Solar System*, Seymour Simon takes young readers on a fascinating tour through space! With beautiful full-color photographs and spacecraft images, young readers will learn all about the beginning of the solar system, including the sun and the eight planets and their moons. This book includes a glossary and an index. Seymour Simon knows how to explain science to kids and make it fun. He was a teacher for more than twenty years, has written more than 250 books, and has won multiple awards. Supports the Common Core State Standards

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Gr 3-6 • Revised and updated, this edition takes readers on a journey through the solar system with upgraded photos, content, and glossary from its predecessors (1992, 2007). While much of the content remains the same as the previous edition, small details have been adjusted, such as Jupiter's clouds, which are no longer "mostly hydrogen gas, not water droplets like clouds on Earth" but are now simply "frozen ammonia droplets." Although these details may be nearly imperceptible to young readers, what will stand out are the captivating photographs. The images, many of which are from NASA, are remarkably crisp and more detailed than before, giving a nod to changes in imaging technology in the past decade. As stated in the author's note, Simon uses comparisons to help readers comprehend the scale of these celestial masses ("If Earth were

the size of a basketball, the sun would be as big as a basketball court." He does not return the favor for specific calculations, though, thus leaving readers to grapple with the meaning of "the crust, which ranges from 5 to 30 miles deep" and "the mantle, an 1,800-mile-thick layer of heavy rock." Furthermore, some words do not appear in the glossary, such as typhoon and asteroid, and the unexplained transition from "800 degrees Fahrenheit" to "-300° F" may confuse some readers. However, the brief overview of the solar system and the spacecraft sent to explore it make this title a worthwhile consideration for school and public libraries. —Meaghan Darling, Plainsboro Public Library, NJ --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Born almost 5 billion years ago at the edge of the Milky Way galaxy, our Solar System is a place filled with mystery and wonder. In the last fifty years, we have learned more than ever about the farthest reaches of our world. With dramatic full-color photographs and spacecraft images, Our Solar System takes young readers on a fascinating tour of the sun, the eight planets and their moons, plus asteroids and comets. Award-winning science writer Seymour Simon presents this new, updated edition of his much-admired book about the vast and mystifying part of the universe that we live in.

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