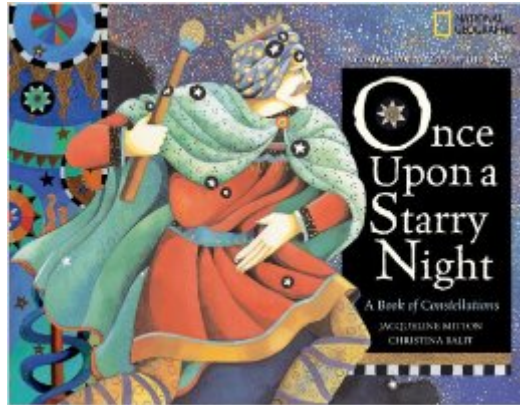


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Once Upon A Starry Night: A Book Of Constellations



Synopsis

National Geographic's stunning rendition of the constellations' glittering lightshow is now available in paperback. Take an illuminating ride through the starry night sky, and learn how the heavens pay tribute to the gods of Greek and Roman mythology. *Once Upon a Starry Night* explains the ten ancient figures whose legends are written large across the universe. Every page shines with Christina Balit's vibrant art, studded with shiny stars, and provides the perfect backdrop to Jacqueline Mitton's poetic text.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

This book was read to my 4 yo at preschool and she absolutely loved it. This book was all she talked about that night so I bought this book, *Zoo in the Sky*, and *Kingdom of the Sun*. She loves looking at the pictures and discussing which constellations we can see here in NJ. Unfortunately, the one she wants to see the most, Hercules, is in the southern sky so I guess we'll have to take a trip south of the equator!!

Across each two page spread *Once Upon a Starry Night* introduces a different constellation, gives a brief synopsis of the story, and provides a beautiful illustration with foil stars imbedded. The first four

constellations are linked by story line, which also draws the children in (what happened next...?). A great book for preschool up and coffee table beautiful.

Contains a surprising number of constellations. Was especially delighted that this book covers the Lyra constellation. My littlest is named for Phillip Pullman's heroine and I enjoyed reading about "her" constellation and the myth surrounding it with her.

My 4 year old loves constellations so I thought this would be a perfect book for her. The highly stylized illustrations are gorgeous but I thought they made it slightly difficult to clearly discern the principal stars that make up the constellation in question. Then the stories, though nicely written, seemed a bit short. But to my surprise, she loves this book. I guess the author/illustrator know what they're doing. She asks for it regularly. It's not particularly good for learning how to locate the constellations in the night sky but that's not its intended purpose. She's a little younger than the age range (6-8 I think it said) in the product description but is still able to understand the stories with a little bit of help (eg explaining "vanity" in the Cassiopeia section). Overall, a great book for your little stargazer and quite beautiful to look at. Would purchase again.

A story that both parent and child will love- There is mention of Perseus slaying Medusa's head off, just so you know. The artwork in the picture is whimsical and even the picture of Perseus holding Medusa's head doesn't bother us.

The pictures are interesting. I know the stories are hard to condense for kids to understand but this was done in a way I didn't find all that interesting, let alone to keep a kid's attention in the telling. I'd rather have spent my money on another book for the constellation stories.

I love the illustrations of this book. And the words are well written so that it can keep the kids interested. I have a 3yo and a 5yo and they love looking at the pictures and listening to the words. And we all learn something new about the constellations.

We had to own both books in the series as soon as we checked them out from the library. Beautiful illustrations and a star map on the front and back inside leaves make this a book we reach for again and again.

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