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Expanding Universe: Photographs From The Hubble Space Telescope



Synopsis

Time, space, and a telescope: Hubble's most magnificent images With investigations into everything from black holes to exoplanets, the Hubble Telescope has changed not only the face of astronomy, but also our very sense of being in the universe. On the 25th anniversary of its launch into low-earth orbit, TASCHEN celebrates its most breathtaking deep space images both as scientific feats and as photographic masterpieces. Ultra high-resolution and taken with almost no background light, these pictures have answered some of the most compelling questions of time and space, while also revealing new mysteries, like the strange "dark energy" that sees the universe expanding at an ever-accelerated rate. In generous square format with several foldouts, the pictures mesmerize in their iridescent colors, intricate textures, and vast, fragile forms. The collection is accompanied by an essay from photography critic Owen Edwards and an interview with Zoltan Levay, who explains how the pictures are composed. Veteran Hubble astronauts Charles F. Bolden, Jr. and John Mace Grunsfeld also offer their insights on Hubble's legacy and future space exploration. Text in English, French, and German

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Owen Edwards has written about photography for 30 years for numerous publications including American Photographer, New York Times Magazine, and Smithsonian. Zoltan Levay is Imaging Lead at the Space Telescope Science Institute. He works with astronomers and communicators worldwide to publicize science results from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope.

This is exactly the type of hubble book I was looking for, sure you can get most of these pictures for free online but they look amazing in high quality print. This book focuses on the amazing hubble pictures and has minimal writing. The foreward and afterword are written in English, German and French. The cover, binding and paper are very high quality (printed in Italy by a company that says it's carbon neutral). There are several nice fold-out pages of larger pics. The chapters and pictures are organized by distance from the earth. There are not many pictures of the solar system but the ones that are included are amazing. I only have one minor "criticism." Although I'm sure it was a conscious decision on part of the authors to minimize the writing by the pictures I think I would have preferred to have some small print caption instead of having to flip to the photo index at the end for a label/explanation. Not a big deal... amazing book.

Can't say enough about this amazing book-the vast majority of these stunning photos are presented on high-quality glossy paper(wish all the photos were). Even the paper the text is printed on has a wonderful feel to it (it's actually nice to see 'Printed in Italy' for once instead of 'Printed in China'). Truly the 'best' of the Hubble photos; several fold-outs that are mind-boggling. This book is a steal at the regular price, but at the price, it's the next best thing to grand larceny! (P.S.-Text is printed in three languages.)

This really should be a \$100 book - no question. The cover is thicker than is common, so the creasing of the dust cover squares around it. The paper that holds the text has a thick linen feel. The images are varnished, and the surrounding black is covered with a different varnish that resists fingerprints. An example of the little touches that make this so special is that if one removes the dust cover and examines the cover itself, not only is the title debossed, but so are the stars. The small things like this show the exquisite quality of this book. Of course, it would be all for naught if the fidelity of the printed images was not of the highest quality, which fortunately is the case. The printing and the paper wonderfully show the information captured by the Hubble Space Telescope, with some images folding out to multiple pages for those special panoramic views. Anyone with the slightest interest in space and the expanding universe will enjoy this book for a very long time.

Just a fantastic volume! My favorite way to study the book is to open a page to look at the photo, then review the photo information at the end of the book, and then go to my computer and do a web search on the photo/object and read for a hour or two. One develops a feel for why certain photos were selected for the book.

Purchased this as a mothers day gift. My mom loved it! The pictures are beautiful! While the book has several pages discussing the images in each section, the pictures are not marred by any text. The index in the back provides further information on each image, including name and location etc. The construction of the book itself is designed to last. All in all, exactly what I wanted!

Spectacular photography of our fascinating universe presented in a high-quality binding and quality paper. You will not be disappointed.

The photos are literally & figuratively out of this world/See something new each time I look at it
Makes a great coffee table book as well

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