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Bang!: How We Came To Be



Synopsis

"Bang! And that was it, the beginning of everything." So begins this beautifully illustrated, panoramic story of evolution. Author and illustrator Michael Rubino conveys not only the facts but also the excitement of the scientific explanation of our world, from the origin of the universe in the big bang to the present reality of our planet, teeming with life but threatened by overpopulation and pollution. Parents looking for an easy-to-understand guide to the scientific worldview for their children will find the perfect source here. The formation of stars and galaxies; the origin of our solar system and planet Earth; the epochal march of life from single-celled organisms through sponges, worms, insects, fish, dinosaurs, birds, and early mammals; and the evolution of the first humans from their simian cousinsâ€™ itâ€™s all here. This book is an eloquent blend of art and science that tells the most important story so far known.

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Customer Reviews

"Michael Rubino tells the true story - which means the scientific story - illustrated with his captivating paintings. Children will be fascinated by this book, and they'll use it to educate their parents."--Richard Dawkins
"The illustrations in Michael Rubino's Bang! How We Came to Be are lively, breathtaking, flowing, thought provoking, colorful, and sharp... This wonderful book would be a life-affirming gift for any child."
--Cameron M. Smith, PhD, Author of The Top Ten Myths about Evolution and The Fact of Evolution
"Brilliant oil-on-canvas renderings greet readers at every turn of

the page. From spinning galaxies to intricate details in a variety of monkeys, Michael Rubino's artwork complements the narrative."--Judy Kraus - Science Teacher - National Science Teachers Association"...explaining just that time element to children might be challenging in the hands of a lesser writer or artist. Mr Rubino, however, is clearly up to the challenge. He takes the reader on a fascinating journey."--Renee Hand - New York Journal of Books"...may be the most straight-forward, comprehensible explanation for children of how life evolved from single celled protozoa to humans currently in print." --Dr, William Harwood - Midwest Book Review

Michael Rubino is a Los Angeles-based artist who paints symbolic, figurative works, portraits, and landscapes in oil on canvas.

I heard about Bang on a science podcast. I was reading it to my five year old son for bedtime...he told me "when I grow up I want to read this to my kids". I swear I'm not making that up. Sean Rafferty Professor of Anthropology University at Albany

This book is AMAZING! There's definitely a shortage of prehistory books for children and this is one of the best! The pictures in the book are just STUNNING and the words to go along are perfect for an elementary grade level. It really breaks down the topics of The Big Bang and evolution to the level of a child. If you only buy one prehistory child's book, THIS IS THE ONE!

bought this for homeschooling and my children (ages 8, 6 and 5) love it. beautiful illustrations. worth every penny.

My 4 1/2 year old loves this book. Objectively, I would recommend this book for kids starting at around age 8 or so. My little guy happens to be extremely interested in this topic so he hangs with me when I read it with him. He has requested this books several times since it arrived. There is a decent amount of text on each page. The explanations are kept simple and include a nice amount of detail.

This is about as good as it gets for explaining these things to a child at the level for which this is written. It can still be slightly challenging, nonetheless, but I don't think it is really possible to make it any simpler without oversimplifying. The presentation is excellent.

Amazing! The artwork is beautiful, the writing is wonderful especially the use of the word we, and so much information. Love it!

My son is a pretty deep thinker for a five year old and he often asks questions I have a hard time answering. One he asks a lot is how people came to be, since he knows we didn't exist when the dinosaurs did. I've tried my best, but figured there must be a book that could do it better. This is almost that book, but not quite. I'm glad to have it because he'll start to understand it more as he gets a little older and wants more detail. Right now, though, it's still a bit over his head. It's probably better than I was doing on my own and he still likes it anyway, but he doesn't totally get it just yet.

Illustrations are outstanding and I like the time frames which accompany each photo and explanation. It is hard to imagine the amount of time between each evolutionary change. Though I bought this for my 9 year old grandson, it blows my mind and I am an adult.

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