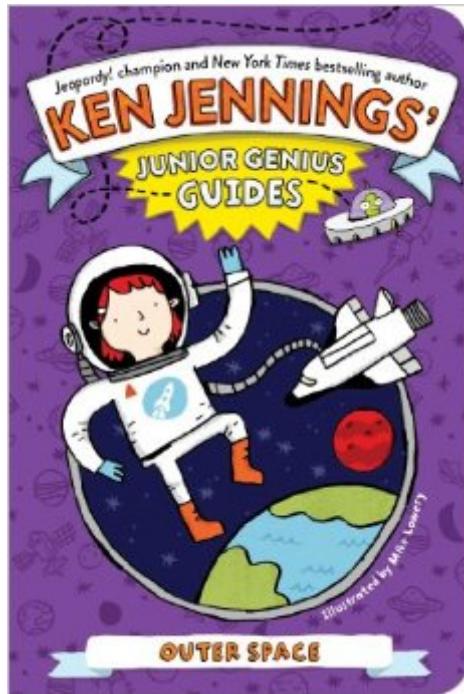


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# Outer Space (Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides)



## Synopsis

Let your inner astronaut explore outer space with this interactive trivia book from Jeopardy! champ and New York Times bestselling author Ken Jennings. With this book about space you'll become an expert and wow your friends and teachers with out-of-this-world facts: Did you know that Mars has a volcano bigger than the state of Arizona? Or that there's a star with a diamond the size of our moon at its core? With great illustrations, cool trivia, and fun quizzes to test your knowledge, this guide will have you on your way to whiz-kid status in no time!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 10 years

Grade Level: 3 - 5

## Customer Reviews

My first Ken Jennings book was his Junior Genius Guide for "The Human Body", (The Human Body (Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides)). I did not care for it. It consisted mostly of Ken Jennings promotional puffery, random disorganized factoids, and relentless "... for Dummies" style jokes. I only had this "Outer Space" book available to read because I had ordered the two books at the same time and so I already had it. Well, guess what? This book is what I was hoping for. There is much less Jennings branding, and the "you too can be a genius like Ken" stuff is not always in your face. More importantly, the book is well organized and tells a coherent story with a minimum of

cutesy asides. It probably helps that the solar system offers a natural organizing scheme. We start with the Sun. We explore the Moon. Then we move on to a discussion of each planet as we move away from the Sun. That takes up more than half the book. Once we leave the solar system we consider stars and then issues in cosmology like black holes and the expanding universe. We wrap up with a discussion of space exploration. This is a logical and coherent sequence and provides a nice introduction to space for an early reader. Of great importance, the book is written at a consistent and accessible level. The "Human Body" book mixed together zygotes, boogers, peristalsis, and corny skeleton drawings that never settled on a single tone or reader age range. This Outer Space book, conversely, is written at a uniform level, so the reader isn't thrown off by writing and tone that is alternately too young or too old for her.

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