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Adventures Beyond The Solar System: Planetron And Me



Synopsis

Planetron, the transformer robot turned spacecraft, speeds Will on an exciting journey into the far reaches of our galaxy where he learns a great deal about astronomy.

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Customer Reviews

Originally purchased this wonderful book for my son when he was four years old. It taught him basic information about our solar system that I mistakenly thought he was too young to understand. The data was presented in an informative and entertaining way. The book that I purchased came with a cassette tape and he was able to read along. He read and re-read the book so many times that he wore out the binding. The story is of a young boy who is befriended by "Planetron." As I remember, Planetron, a robot, takes him on a tour of the solar system. The book is colorfully illustrated with pictures of the planets and sun. Information about each celestial body is displayed with the picture. My son is 19 years old now and recently mentioned that it is the one book he really remembers and would like to keep as a momento of his childhood.

I'm in my late 20s now and working in engineering. I spent a few years working in telescope software and have always had an interest in astronomy. I attribute that interest half to my 5th grade science teacher, and half to this book. I may not even be an engineer today if not for the scientific interest imparted by this book. It's that influential. The audiotope version is a must. I think I may buy a copy just to hold for my eventual children.

I had the audiotope of this book when I was a kid (I'm now 26) and I tell you what -- sure, it may not

be *entirely* accurate anymore -- as there are now EIGHT planets instead of nine, and we have things like Kuiper Belt Objects and so forth... but this is easily hands-down the best book to grab a kid's attention about space. I remember it fondly... I was a bookworm when I was a kid, and this one stands out as one of the few I remember VERY clearly.

Classic book from my childhood that I enjoy reading with my son. Beautiful illustrations a few inaccuracies as many theories have changed over the years but great father son time with this one!

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