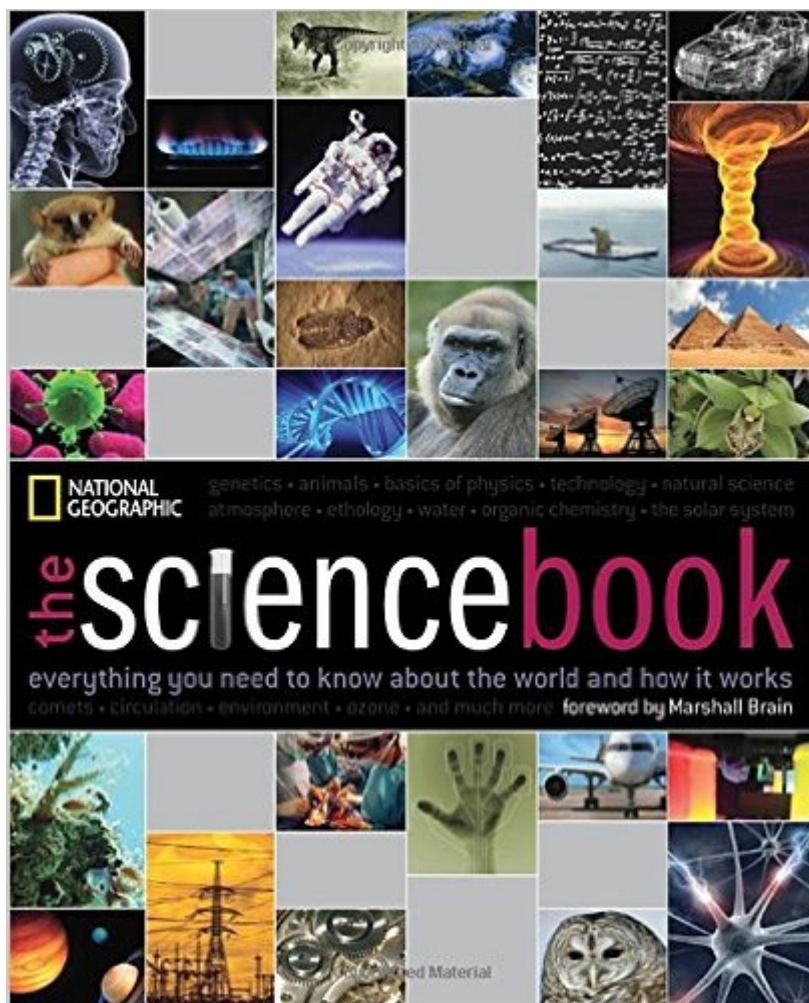


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I went into a local B&N intending to buy another physics book, but after just finishing Brian Green's The Elegant Universe, my brain could use a bit of rest. lol. I agree with the other commenter who said, this book gives you the facts but plays it safe. The National Geographic' name played a big part in me buying the book. But I did noticed the authors all had PDa. Although they should also have mentioned what schools they came from, but I guess that's nitpicking. Call me paranoid, but I'm always worried some Creationist from the sales or editing department will manage to influence the authors. On page 20 under the category "The Universe" the last paragraph talks about the Big Bang and Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity and after just saying "Most scientist have accepted the Big Bang model" it ends the section with, "There may be other valid models which are also consistent with observational data." And then abruptly ends. Kinda weird, no? What other valid models are they referring too? Now you got me all curious. :) The next section goes pretty similar. It talks about the red shift and actually goes into really good detail on how the Redshift is such strong evidence for the Big Bang, but there it goes ending the section with "So far, however, no generally accepted explanation for the redshift has been found." --Last time I checked wikipedia, the explanation was called "the doppler effect." So yeah, some parts are a little weird. However, it makes the main points very clear (big thumbs up) but sprinkles in only a dash of confusion. I guess that's the authors sneaky way of getting Critical Thinking back into our heads. Overall I'm giving this book two thumbs up and five gold stars.

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