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The Darkest Dark



Synopsis

Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield and brought to life by Terry and Eric Fan's lush, evocative illustrations, *The Darkest Dark* will encourage readers to dream the impossible. Chris loves rockets and planets and pretending he's a brave astronaut, exploring the universe. Only one problem--at night, Chris doesn't feel so brave. He's afraid of the dark. But when he watches the groundbreaking moon landing on TV, he realizes that space is the darkest dark there is--and the dark is beautiful and exciting, especially when you have big dreams to keep you company.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Now, those in my family may be a bit biased due to being avid fans of the sordid adventures of retired astronaut Chris Hadfield, but this book over its two days in our possession is already seeing quite a bit of use. The dialogue remains simple and engaging for my four year old and the illustrations are glorious and reminiscent of Maurice Sendak. I highly recommend this book. It's subject matter - getting over the fear of the dark - is perfect for bedtime and on point for its intended age group. I'm particularly fond of the message from Hadfield in the back which states, "The dark is for dreams and the morning is for making them come true." May we all dream just as big.

Funny in all the right places, uplifting ending. Realistically captures kids' fear of the dark without being scary, and gives them another way to think about darkness. The illustrations are rich and detailed, so you notice different things each time you read this.

Astronaut Chris Hadfield doesn't disappoint in this captive book for children (and adults) about not giving up on your dreams and learning to set aside your fears. However, what makes this book even more "awesome" is the illustrations by the legendary Fan Brothers, of Eric & Terry Fan, respectively and respectfully. They are masterful in matching and adhering words with art and they never fall short.

At 10 and 18, my grandchildren are too old for this delightful book, but I have 8 copies to give to children and grandchildren of people I care about. At least one of those children is afraid of the dark; I know this book will help him. Some of the children I know are very adventurous; this book will appeal to them. All the children like stories at bedtime--they'll love this one and enjoy the illustrations, too.

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