

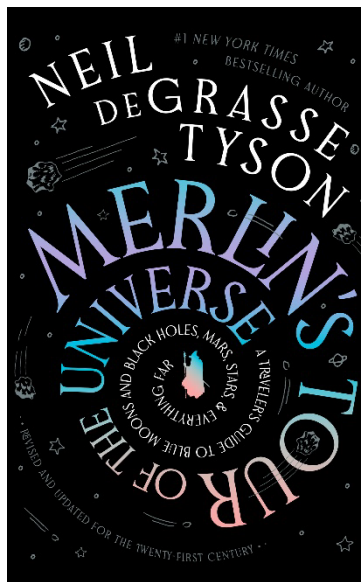


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## Blackstone Publishing Will Release A Revised And Updated Edition of Neil deGrasse Tyson's First Book: *Merlin's Tour of The Universe*



**MERLIN'S TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**Revised and Updated for the Twenty-First Century**  
By Neil deGrasse Tyson  
Blackstone Publishing | On Sale October 29, 2024  
Available in Hardcover, Signed Hardcover, E-Book,  
and Audiobook (narrated by the author and a supporting cast)  
HC ISBN: 9781665019859 | Price: \$29.99

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Ashland, OR/New York, NY) September 4, 2024 — Blackstone Publishing will partner with astrophysicist and bestselling author Neil deGrasse Tyson to republish his first book, *Merlin's Tour of the Universe: A Traveler's Guide to Blue Moons and Black Holes, Mars, Stars, and Everything Far*, on October 29, 2024. This new edition has been revised and updated for the twenty-first century. This publication will also mark the book's first audiobook edition, narrated by Neil deGrasse Tyson with a supporting cast.



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First published in 1989 by Columbia University Press, *Merlin's Tour of the Universe* brings readers on a delightful and informative journey through the cosmos as Dr. Tyson's character Merlin—an omniscient space-traveling being—responds to popular questions asked by adults and children alike. Merlin is also joined by friends and important scientific figures like da Vinci, Magellan, Newton, Einstein, and Hubble, to help decode the mysteries of the known universe.

Dr. Tyson says, “Thirty-five years after the original publication, returning to Merlin is like visiting an old friend.”

This new edition of *Merlin's Tour of the Universe* will be a highly designed package that features a striking new cover and illustrations throughout, drawn by Dr. Tyson's brother, Stephen J. Tyson, a professional artist and illustrator.

Blackstone president Anthony Goff remarks, “Neil deGrasse Tyson is one of the world's favorite scientists, and it's an honor to republish his first book in a new beautifully designed keepsake collector's edition hardcover, in addition to bringing it to life in audio for the very first time.”

In addition to *Merlin's Tour of the Universe*, Blackstone will also republish *Just Visiting This Planet*, the companion volume featuring Merlin, in the Fall of 2025. The deal was negotiated between Senior Acquisitions Editor Vikki Warner from Blackstone Publishing and Betsy Lerner of Dunow, Carlson & Lerner.

#### **About the Author:**

**Neil deGrasse Tyson** is an American astrophysicist, author, and science communicator. In 2017 he became the first American to win the prestigious Stephen Hawking Medal for science communication. He is the Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium and a research associate in the Department of Astrophysics at the American Museum of Natural History. From 2006 to 2011 he hosted the television series *NOVA ScienceNow* on PBS. And in 2014 and 2020 he hosted second and third installments of the television series *Cosmos*, following in Carl Sagan's footsteps, who first hosted the series in 1980. Tyson has written several *New York Times* bestselling nonfiction books, one of which remained on the list for eighty-one weeks.

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