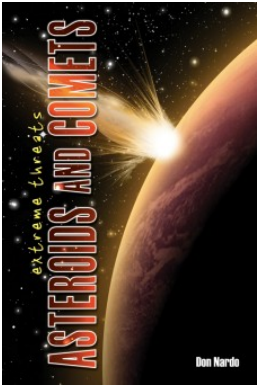


Extreme Threats



Booklist

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Asteroids and Comets.

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Nov 2009. 112 p. Morgan Reynolds, library edition, \$28.95. (9781599351216). 523.44.

Looking at Earth's collisions with space objects such as asteroids and comets, this book leads off with a dramatic account of the 1908 Tunguska Event in Siberia, often likened to a nuclear blast. The discussion also goes back 65 million years to the K-T Event, which killed off most dinosaurs along with many other species, and 4.5 billion years to the "Big Whack," which knocked enough matter off the earth to create the moon. Fascinating sidebars consider topics such as how vastly different Earth would be if the moon had never formed and what Hollywood got wrong in the asteroid-collision blockbuster Armageddon. Illustrated mainly with color photographs, the straightforward, informative text offers a scientific view of large and small collisions in the past as well as considering the likelihood of future threats and the development

of technology to deal with them. A time line, glossary, source notes, and lists of books and Internet sites are appended. Other volumes in the Extreme Threats series include Climate Change and Volcanoes.

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