

George's Secret Key to the Universe

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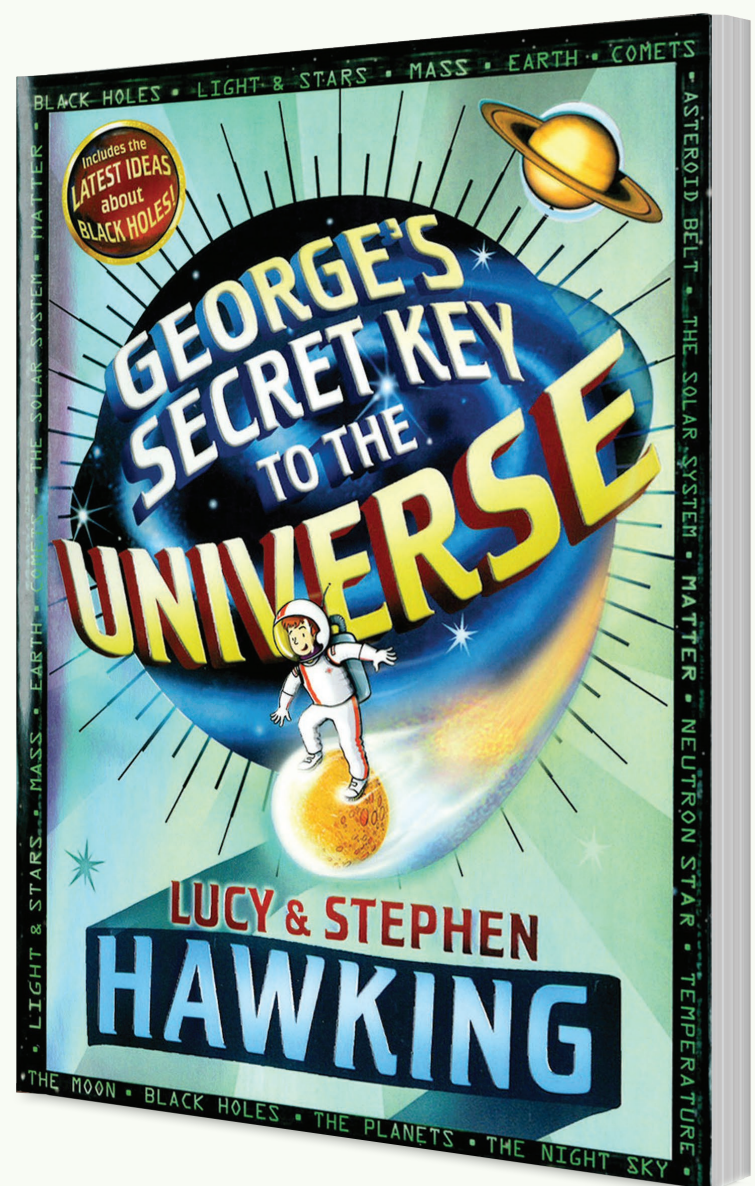
This is the story of George, who's taken through the vastness of space by a scientist, his daughter, and their super-computer named Cosmos.

Theme

Understanding the Universe

Benchmark Vocabulary

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| Accelerate | Havoc | Menacing |
| Ambling | Illusion | Offended |
| Defiantly | Improvised | Ominously |
| Destructive | Indignant | Persisted |
| Device | Inquiry | Spiraled |
| Divert | Inspiration | Summon |
| Enlightenment | Instinctively | Uninhabitable |
| Fusion | Massive | |



Close Read Questions

- What is the narrator's point of view in Chapter 10? What is the time frame of this chapter, compared to what came before? Give specific examples in the text.
- How is the mood of Chapter 12 different from that of Chapter 14, and why?
- After reading Eric's book, what conclusions can you draw about the differences between him and Dr. Reeper?
- When Susan breaks into Dr. Reeper's house, what do you learn about her?
- What is the most important part of George's presentation, and when does he make it?
- What real-life issues does this book address?
- What fictional elements are included in this book?
- What are the main characters' attitudes toward space exploration?