



Can You Play Cricket On Mars? And other scientific questions answered

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If you've watched Star Trek (or something similar) and wondered if any of that Sci-Fi stuff might actually happen one day, this book may well contain the answer to your question.

I always like watching 'The Sky at Night', and I'm not the only one, as it is the longest-running TV show in the history of television (worldwide). For almost all that time (until his death a few years ago), the show was hosted by Patrick Moore, a legend in British TV history, who co-presented the coverage of Neil Armstrong's moon-landing for the BBC in 1969.

Can You Play Cricket On Mars? is like a 'Q and A' session between Mr. Moore and his fans. It sees him collect a group of questions on science/astronomy and give each a full and detailed reply. Spread over about 220 pages, these range in the dozens and vary greatly in size and scope, with some being addressed within a few lines ('How many men have walked on the moon?') and others being discussed more fully over the space of a few pages ('Will there ever be cities on the moon?') Moreover, many of the answers are illustrated, with diagrams and photographs popping up regularly through the text. One of my favourite things, though, is the 'lucky dip' element of the book. It is not really compartmented into sections or chapters, so you can open up at any page and see what you'll find, knowing it'll almost certainly be interesting.

Really I think this is an ideal coffee table type book. It sits there and can be picked up and taken in a page or two at a time, and even those who don't really 'do' science will probably like this, or at least not 'dislike' it. So, give *Can you Play Cricket On Mars?* a go and learn science the easy way!

(9 sausages out of 10)

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