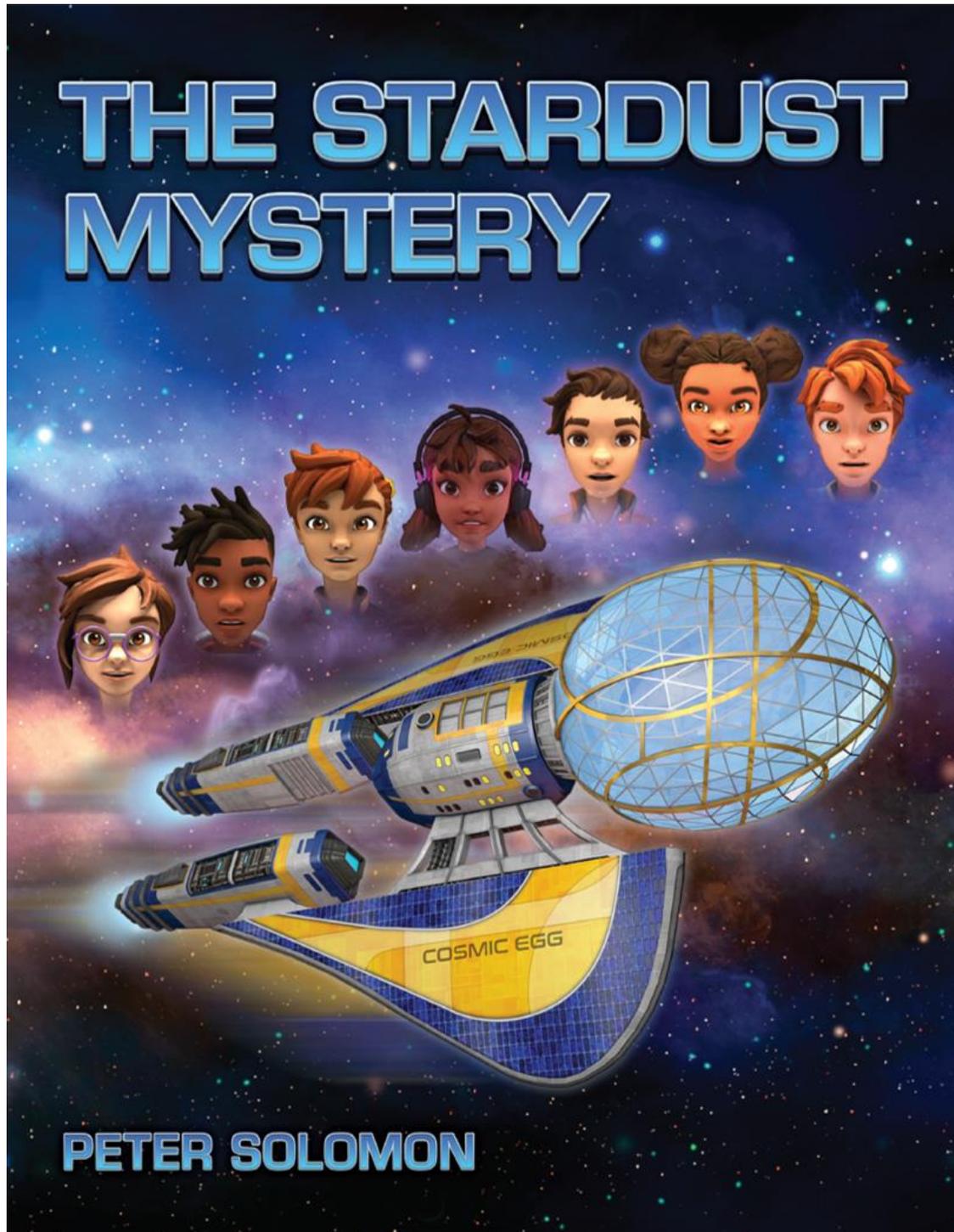


REVIEWS OF THE STARDUST MYSTERY ILLUSTRATED  
SCIENCE STORY BOOK



## ALLIE RATED IT 5 OUT OF 5 STARS - IT WAS AMAZING

This book was great! I have discussed this with my students, and we are reading it together. They are loving the information presented in a fun and relatable way. They love seeing the different families that work together to complete a common goal. I love that it uses scientific concepts and principles that we are learning in the classroom. The authors do a great job of presenting the information in ways that provide the students with the content knowledge they need. As a middle school teacher, this is a great resource for my STEM classroom. We are currently working on the project portion that is provided for teachers. My students are enjoying the website and all that it entails. As a Science teacher, I recommend this book for all science teachers! As a parent, my own children are enjoying the story and learning things they have not learned in school yet! *Allie is a Middle School Teacher and a Goodreads Book Reviewer.*

## 5.0 OUT OF 5 STARS - INCREDIBLE STORY BASED MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE RESOURCE

This is an incredible resource to engage kids in learning. The story based aspect of the project explains it to students through a relatable lens. There are differentiated materials to help students of all levels, this is a great tool in any science classroom! *Zara is a Connecticut Middle School Science Teacher*

## 5 OUT OF 5 STARS - KAPP EDITORIAL REVIEW

"I didn't think I'd want to be a kid again but "Wow!" if there was a book like S/D Mystery back then, perhaps I would have been a scientist. The book is packed with fun and facts and if you want more information, just click away on an embedded tab or go to the back of the book. The interaction of the young science teams keeps it real and moves the story along at an enjoyable pace. I had to keep from paging ahead to see how my favorite team was doing in the BIG science competition. Sorry, no spoilers. I'm sure kids are going to be even more excited with the accompanying video games. And I think I know what an avatar is - want one for myself now." - *Kenneth M. Kapp, Author of Short Beach and other books.*

## HAYDON EDITORIAL REVIEW

"I am rarely overwhelmed in a good way when a literary project is shared with me on which my opinion is being sought. So I was both surprised and delighted to experience *The Stardust Mystery*, a mind-blowing product of a National Science Foundation grant which blends clear and cogent science instruction into an engaging and expansive story told in the language and 21st-century illustration style designed to appeal to 8- to 14-year-old kids.

*The Stardust Mystery*, authored by Peter Solomon with the assistance of his gifted family (Jeffrey, Joanne, and Sally Solomon), is an independent learning project, a comprehensive presentation of the scientific spectrum through the narration of four different character voices (Lizzy, Neddy, Milo, and VC) who tell an appealing, easy-to-read and fun young adult story in which a impressive amount of information is communicated. This narration is primarily delivered in the form of an e-book and print book, but is supplemented with videos and video games on websites and a YouTube channel, all of very high quality.

As a STEAM curriculum developer, I was particularly happy with the Left Brain/Right Brain stimulation this projects provides, another tenet of 21st-century education. In particular the multiple perspectives through which the story is told, the non-science themes of the story that will resonate with its readers, the assistance provided in questions posed at the end of different sections and Grandpa's Extra Information, which allows for an even more expansive learning experience for readers of all levels of interest, all result in a new way for kids to access and understand scientific concepts.

One last element of this project is the clear impression that this was a consummate labor of love undertaken by an enthusiastic scientist and grandfather whose joy in his profession and desire to share it is palpable and unmistakable in this remarkable product." *Elizabeth Haydon, Author of the young adult series, The Lost Journals of Ven Polypheme, the fantasy series, The Symphony of Ages, and 36 children's books*

**5.0 OUT OF 5 STARS - THIS IS AN EXCELLENT BOOK!!**

I have sincerely enjoyed reading *The Stardust Mystery*. I believe the author has put significant thought into how to connect with a variety of different children in terms of their current level of interest in science. For instance, it is engaging and novel-like to the avid reader, one who may not necessarily be terribly interested in science. Nevertheless, it is rich with opportunities to dig deeper into the facts, which are cleverly woven into the interactions of the characters; this makes it a wonderful opportunity for readers who do love science and want to delve more deeply and take advantage of all that is generously offered with the book. For someone looking to educate, I think the child in the middle of

those last scenarios is very important. No matter what type of kid you have, there are common denominators, so as an adult attempting to read it from the perspective of a child, I noticed how thoughtfully the author wrote the story to speak to what most kids in the intended age group are experiencing in their own lives. Most of us have dealt with sibling rivalry, lack of confidence, school-age crushes, family issues, and typical social fears. Having each section describe the story from the perspective of just one of the characters allows relationships to develop between the reader and the character. There are so many similarities for a child to attach to in terms of their individual experience in their own lives, whether the descriptions of the characters or their antics in the book, it is clever. I think the narration really sets it apart and it breaks it up to keep the reader engaged.

As an adult, I learned many fascinating statistics and facts from this book, things I had never heard before, and it made the time reading this wonderful material a true learning experience for me. If you want your child to understand that evolution is very much more than an argument between science and religion, if you want them to understand that there is a fascinating explanation and proof of how we all are connected, which most believe, and if you want a fun and entertaining way to share this science, with opportunities to take it further with easy research, games, etc., then get this book and perhaps you can assign roles and read it with your child or your students. I grade it A+. [Patrice LeBlanc Amazon Review](#).