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Explore the mysteries of the cosmos!

Too often, astrology guides obscure the mystical wonder of the zodiac with overly tedious details about nodes, houses, angles, and aspects that even Ptolemy would reject. *Astrology 101* cuts out the boring details and lengthy explanations and instead gives you a hands-on lesson that keeps you engaged as you learn how the movements of the stars and planets affect human behavior.

From the four elements and twelve houses to astrological personality types and sign compatibility, this compact primer is packed with hundreds of fascinating star sign facts, informative charts and illustrations, and stories of famous astrologers and their predictions for the future.

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Scout Collins says

4.5 stars

This is the first '101' series book that I read.

This book is pretty simple (in a good way), covers the important topics and is quite accurate and true to the signs. Some books(/authors) don't know what they're talking about when it comes to astrology. This book wasn't one of them!

Important Concepts

Here are my notes of what I learned from the book

Nodes of the Moon. Astrologer Robert Hand thinks nodes relate to connections with other people. North Node = joining, South Node = separating. North Node is the "area of our most profound growth in this life". The South Node is our "deeply embedded patterns of behavior".

Planets.

Dignified: Planet in the sign it rules (e.g. Mars in Aries, Venus in Libra, Mercury in Gemini)

Exalted: "Its drive and essential qualities are expressed more harmoniously." (E.g. Sun in Aries, Moon in Taurus).

Detriment: Planet in the opposite sign of dignity (e.g. Mercury in Sagittarius). Planets in detriment are watered down, also called "in fall". "In a detriment, the energy of the planet is considered to be at a disadvantage." The Ascendant planet is important because it usually rules the chart.

Mutual reception: When 2 planets are in each other's sign of dignity. (E.g. Sun is in Cancer/Taurus, and Moon is in Aries/Leo). When a planet is in the natural house (e.g. Mercury in the Third House), it's *accidentally dignified* and strengthened.

Houses

The division between houses is called the cusp. The sign on the ascendant sets up the House cusp structure. (e.g. if you have Taurus rising, Taurus will be in House 1, Gemini in House 2, etc.)

INTERCEPTIONS

Interceptions are when a sign isn't on a cusp but is completely contained within the house. "Some astrologers think the house that holds the interception is more powerful. Sometimes, with an interception, you're attracted to people born under the subsumed sign. Or you manifest those attributes more strongly than you might otherwise." (117).

Retrograde/Direct Motion

Motion is either Direct (d), Retrograde (r) or Stationary (s)

Sun and Moon can never be retrograde but all other planets can

During a retrograde, "nature of that planet is forced inward, where it creates tension and stress. The outlet for this tension is usually worked out in relationships with others"

Stationary planets are ones that are about to turn direct or retrograde. They have greater influence in a chart than r/d

True Tidbits

"The surest way to get rid of a Sagittarius is to disrespect his words. You must listen to everything he says - Sagittarius is very big on authority. He is. Heed Sagittarius' 'lectures' and he'll appreciate you for it." (200).

As another reviewer mentioned, I would have given this a true five stars if it had included information on the signs in each house (e.g. Aries in House 1, Taurus in House 2..., Aries in House 2, Taurus in House 3)

Would recommend to all people interested in astrology. Beginners or not, this book is a good one to read!

Kim Dallmeier says

5 stars if it had went through the position of the planets within the Houses.

Abigail says

Could've been better.

Juli Anna says

I really liked the structure of this book and the order in which the information is presented. It's also attractively designed. My biggest complaint is the absolute over-gendering of astrology here: everything is presented in terms of "the Leo woman" or "the Scorpio man" which is essentialist and unnecessary. This was so pervasive that it really affected my enjoyment in reading this book.

Delaney Ellicott says

Astrology 101 by Kathleen Sears is a book about- you guessed it, astrology. It's filled with fun facts, small details, and at home remedies for every astrological sign. It does an in depth description of each sign, and goes on to go through all of their characteristics. After that, the book goes into the astrological chart and how it works as well as your sun and moon sign.

I gave this book five stars because it has valid content that really makes you think about yourself and the people around you. Some people are exactly like their sign and others are very different. That's the interesting part of this book- you can compare and contrast people to their sign. I believe anyone who really enjoys astrology or is simply looking into the subject would definitely love this book.

Alyssa Collins says

The book itself is great for helping beginners, I learned a lot myself.

If you use your birth chart, it can be useful to have multiple options that use different software so when you're going through aspects you can see all your options and which ones truly resonate with you.

