

Imagine we are able to transfer ourselves to a planet inside the Andromeda Spiral, a system so remote in space that it looks like nothing more than a dim glow from Earth. What would we and an Andromedan see?

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What better way to find out than to make a journey through space with Patrick Moore, the noted astronomer, by fastening ourselves to a light beam. We head first for the Moon and visit the nine planets of the Solar System before starting on our exploration of the Galaxy. Traveling to its center, we see other stars, some very like our own Sun — can they have earth-like planets too? — and then head back toward the edge of the Galaxy and the end of the Milky Way. Our Galaxy is now behind us, and its spiral shape shrinks as we move farther out. We pass a few globular clusters, but our attention is caught by the mysterious and remote objects known as quasars.

It is time to make our way back, but first we attempt one last journey through time, to the start of the Universe as we know it. How was it created? Does it have a limit?

A fascinating look at the Universe and our place in it by Patrick Moore, the award-winning astronomer, who is unsurpassed at communicating his enthusiasm to the layman.

Doubleday and Company, 1984, paperback, 130 full color illustrations, 192 pages, 8 3/8 x 11, paperback, \$14.95.

Thomas Edison simply improved upon a principle others had discovered and worked on for years.

Furthermore...

- · Cleopatra was not Egyptian.
- Darwin did not originate the idea of evolution.
- Lindbergh did not make the first nonstop transatlantic flight.
- Robert Fulton did not invent the steamboat.
- It was not Marie Antoinette who said, "Let them eat cake."
- The Emancipation Proclamation did not free any slaves.
- Ostriches do not hide their heads in the sand.
- The first American colonists did not live in log cabins.

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All these nuggets are found in a fascinating book,

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The articles range in length from a paragraph to a page and are arranged alphabetically for easy reference. Each entry gives the fact as falsely known plus the true facts, and frequently adds an interesting story behind the myth.

Written by Tom Burnam, a professor of English at Portland State University, and published by Crowell, the 302-page

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