

CYCLES OF FIRE

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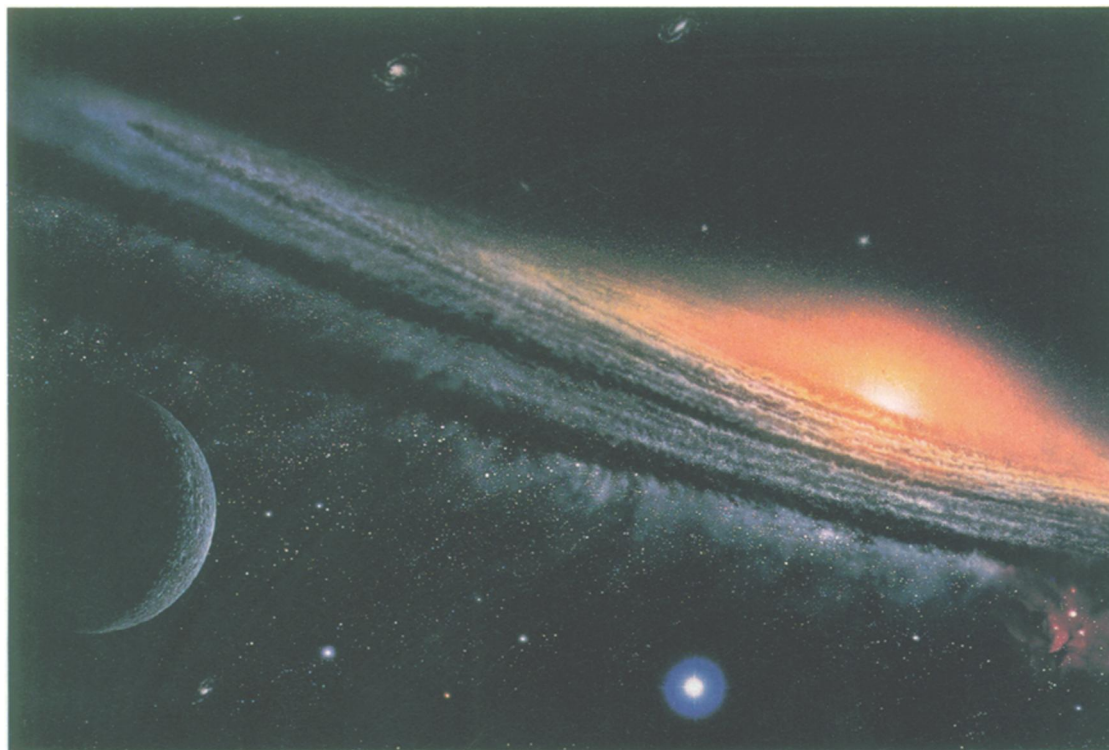
Stars, Galaxies and the Wonder of Deep Space

Combining a fascinating narrative with more than 100 vivid illustrations, Hartmann and Miller synthesize science and art to depict the fiery cycles that light the universe.

Basing their work on scientific data, including the provocative evidence of planet-size worlds around

other suns, the authors tell the mesmerizing story of cosmic evolution and reveal dazzling starscapes created especially for this book. Massive red giant stars; superhot white dwarfs; invisible black holes that warp the very shape of space; tiny, flashing pulsars, once thought to be the searchlights of alien navigators, and other deep-space structures are shown here in beautiful detail.

— from the publisher



A grand view of the universe from the outskirts of the Milky Way, featuring a planet (foreground) formed from the dust of a newborn star.



An alien sunset from the rim of a flooded crater. Plant life has gained a root-hold on this fertile world, where volcanism and ocean erosion have combined to create flooded volcanic craters that harbor microenvironments rich in organic materials.

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