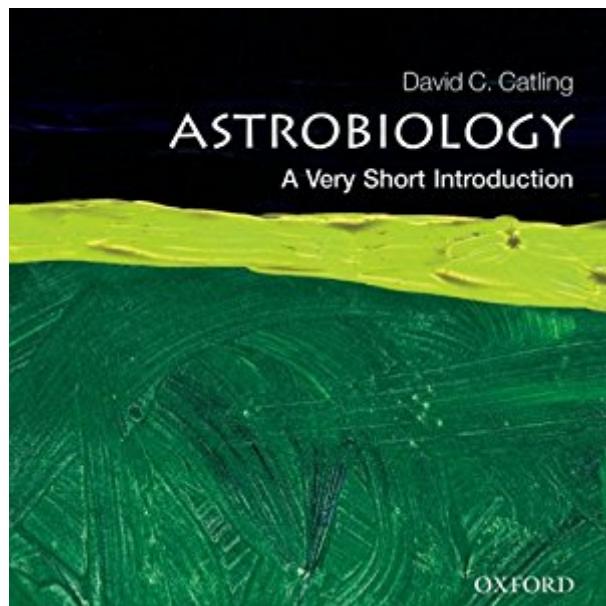


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Synopsis

Astrobiology is the study of the origin and development of life on this and other planets. What fascinates people about astrobiology is that it seeks answers to long-standing unsolved questions: How quickly did life evolve on Earth and why did life persist here? Is there life elsewhere in the Solar System or beyond? The research of astrobiology has become more crucial than ever in recent decades, as biologists have discovered microbes that live in ever more extreme settings, such as bubbling hot springs, in acid, or deep within rocks. Rooted in strong and rigorous research, astrobiology incorporates the work of microbiologists, geologists, and astronomers. In this Very Short Introduction, David C. Catling introduces the origins of astrobiology and demonstrates its impact on current astronomical research and potential future discoveries.

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learned a lot about astrobiology, aced all my test

A good, clear and interesting introduction that goes into the field of astrobiology in a way that a non-scientist like me can understand. I love this book!

I like the short treatment

Short overview of the topic. Interesting.

Nice book.

I was scheduled to attend a world-wide scientific conference on the Origin of Life. I needed a quick refresher on this subject, which is a part of Astrobiology. Dr. Catling knows his subject, and presented a comprehensive review. Thanks for publishing on this topic.

I have a certificate in Astrobiology and I am also an amateur astronomer. I found this book to be very comprehensive given its length. I do wish it had given a little attention to the subject of planetary protection, however, it does cover the other pertinent areas fairly well. All in all, I am very glad I purchased it, and would buy it again if I had too.

It was good

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