# **National Geographic Kids Readers: Night Sky**

# **Notes for parents: reading this book with your child**

* Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover and discuss what you can see in the picture. Talk about what the person is using and what they are doing. Talk about any experiences of night sky watching that you have shared.
* Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
  + Help children read constellation and planet names and any unfamiliar words, e.g. *Orion, Plough, Ursa Major, meteor, comet, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, constellation.*
  + Talk about unfamiliar words and their meanings, and show your child how to use the picture glossary to help with understanding: *orbit, reflect, lunar, atmosphere, satellite, gravity.*
  + Show your interest in the information and enjoy reading the 7 Cool Facts About Space together.
  + Encourage your child to talk about what they have read, answering simple questions that you ask.
  + Enjoy the jokes together, teasing out the meaning from the word-play if necessary.
  + Encourage them to use the pictures to develop their understanding as they read from the text and captions.
  + Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
* Talk about what a solar eclipse is, and how it happens.

**Pronunciation guide:** Orion (Uh-ry-un), Ursa (Er-suh) Major