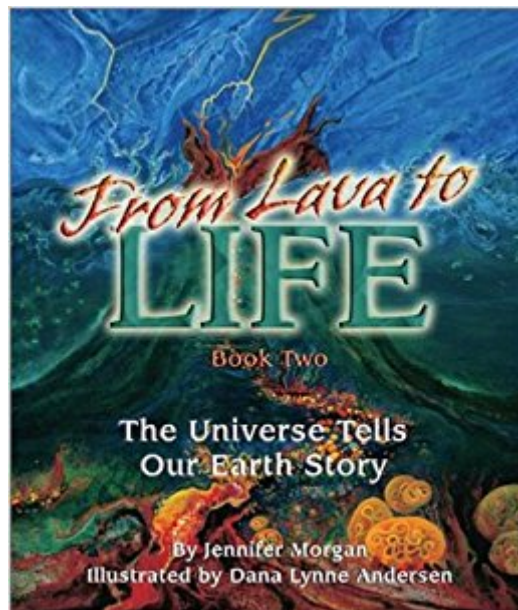




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# From Lava To Life: The Universe Tells Our Earth Story: Book 2 (The Universe Series)



## Synopsis

"Once upon a time" meets science in a children's picture book that tells the thrilling story of how life began on Earth. The second in a trilogy of Universe stories - the first being "Born with a Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story"-- this book picks up the story with the first appearance of life on Earth. It's a thrilling story about how Earth triumphs over crisis to become bacteria, jellyfish, flowers . . . even dinosaurs! The author, Jennifer Morgan, studied evolutionary science and saw its storytelling possibilities when she explained it to her elementary-age son. Coupled with brilliant artwork by Dana Anderson, who also studied Cosmology, these books will intrigue children and adults alike with their storytelling style and colorful pages.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

". . . The sooner children hear these words, the better off they will be. --Thomas Berry, author of "Dream of the Earth."

Jennifer Morgan's work as a storyteller, author, educator and environmental advocate flows out of her love of the natural world and cosmology. As former director of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey, she started numerous educational and marketing programs for

farmers and consumers, both locally and nationally. Currently she is an adjunct staff member at Genesis Farm, teaching the Sacred Universe Story. A portion of Ms. Morgan's royalties from the sale of this book are donated to earth literacy centers. Her storytelling evolved from bedtime stories for her son who wanted to know more and more, even the texture of the edge of the Universe. She believes that our cosmology stories fundamentally shape us, our relationships, our work, our play, our culture, our institutions, our everything. Jennifer is also the author of *Born With A Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story*. Dana Lynne Andersen, M.A., is a multi-media artist, playwright and teacher with degrees in philosophy and consciousness studies. Her paintings, often very large in size, explore the swirling forces of energy that underlie matter and seek to reveal life's numinous mystery. She believes that as our "depth perception" expands - billions of galaxies discovered in our lifetime! - it is also essential to expand perception inwardly to the vastness within. She is founder of Awakening Arts, a network of artists who "affirm the noble purpose of art as a vehicle for uplifting the human spirit." Dana is also the illustrator of *Born With A Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story*.

Super great! I recommend the whole series to anyone with kids or who is interested in science. Each painting is beautiful and artistic. The book is written in beautiful narrative, like the universe is telling us her story. I read it in my class every year, starting with the first one in the series, *Born With a Bang!* In the back of the book it shows each page, very small, with more scientific information, so you or your children can learn more about each stage in history.

As with the first book in this series, *Born With a Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story* (Sharing Nature With Children Book), the scientific information in this book is accurate, the level of detail is just right for elementary schoolers, the graphics are vivid and engaging, and the narrative speaks in an effective personal voice. Most importantly, my daughter really loves this book (about as much as *Born With a Bang: The Universe Tells Our Cosmic Story* (Sharing Nature With Children Book)), as evidenced by her unusually focused attentiveness to the text and her vivid recollection of the graphics. In short, this book was written specifically to engage and teach kids, and it works. Highly recommended to any parent wishing to introduce their child to the basics of the evolutionary history of life up to the extinction of the dinosaurs.

As an Agnostic in the Midwest, answering a child's questions about how things came to be can often be difficult if you are trying to avoid them being ostracized at a very young age. This book

helps answer many of those questions in a way that is not likely to promote her being ridiculed, and my 4-year-old daughter LOVES it. It is easy for her to understand as I read it and she is full of wonderful insight and questions. She is enthralled with science and I believe this book's telling of our universe's story will give her a head start on free thinking as she grows and develops. And she absolutely loves the artwork and being able to identify different parts of the illustrations. I would definitely recommend this book!

Great series! Fun to read out loud to my 8 yr old. Morgan took a complex subject (the theory of evolution) and made it tangible for kids (and adults). The illustrations are gorgeous. I particularly love and use the references in the back of the book.

This entire series is excellent for introducing evolution and the formation of the universe to young people. Illustrations are beautiful and there is a wry sense of humor in the text.

Jennifer Morgan' series has done such a wonderful job finding a way to blend evolution with spirituality of creation. How great is it when you are able to teach your children that science and religion are both right. Thank you Jennifer Morgan. I look forward to using these with my children when we cover the five great lessons in Montessori style education this year.

A lot of good scientific information in a very readable form, with great art and illustrations. The "moral of the story" is that you are a part of an every-changing universe that loves you, which appeals to kids and does not contradict anyone's religion. You can identify this loving spirit with God or not, according to your beliefs. My seven-year-old and I will read this several times.

This book manages to tell the story of the earth interesting for kids. The topic is hard even for adults and yet the book successfully achieves to be interesting. My five year old can keep his attention on the book (I can read the book in one go). Pictures are interesting and the timeline tracker is useful. My son likes to tell the story to his nanny using the timeline tracker and the pictures. The author has two more science books for kids, which I would also recommend.

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