

Magical and Unusual Solar Eclipse

A STEM Picture Book

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Timely and Relevant Total solar eclipses are coming. Spain and Iceland in 2026. North Africa in 2027. Australia in 2028. Communities across the world will be asking for eclipse resources. Be ready for them.

Scientifically Accurate Most children's eclipse books contain significant scientific inaccuracies: visible black Moons, warm sunset colors as the Sun's light fades, unrealistic descriptions of the corona. This book draws from lived experience and scientific training to give an accurate portrayal of this fascinating cosmic phenomenon.

Eye Safety You Can Trust Follows standards set by the American Astronomical Society, NASA, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The story depicts good eye safety practices in action. The back matter provides a clear guide for when to use eclipse glasses and when it is crucial to take them off.

An Experienced Source Six eclipses. Five continents. This book comes from someone who has lived the eclipse experience, not just researched it.

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Gorgeously Illustrated Total solar eclipses are primarily a visual experience. Rõng Phạm's artistry brings the phenomenon to life on the page.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Silvia Piccinotti is a biotech research scientist, Cub Scout leader, and mother of two. She has chased six total solar eclipses across five continents — from the Hungarian countryside in 1999 to San Saba, Texas in 2024.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Rõng Phạm is an award-winning illustrator from Vietnam, skilled in mixed media and digital art. His vibrant illustrations capture the otherworldly lighting of the partial phases and the ethereal beauty of the Sun's corona.
