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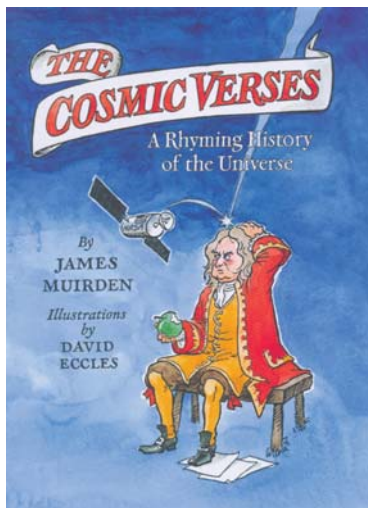
From the bestselling author of *A Rhyming History of Britain* and the illustrator of *Now We Are Sixty* comes ...



By James Muirden

Illustrations by David Eccles

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From Pythagoras to Copernicus, from Galileo to Einstein and Stephen Hawking, James Muirden's vastly entertaining verse history illuminates five millennia of head scratching how humans have tried to make sense of the cosmos.

Wonderfully funny and extremely clever, *The Cosmic Verses* informs as it entertains in the tradition of Bill Bryson's *Short History of Nearly Everything*. Here are set down the greatest thinkers and theories of human civilisation astronomer, space scientists, philosophers, alchemists, mathematicians, writers, physicists and theologians in brilliantly constructed couplets.

Praise for James Muirden's *A Rhyming History of Britain*:

Wonderfully funny and clever John Humphrys, *Today Programme*, BBC Radio 4

It's a labour of love, this epic verse, / History rhythmic, tight and terse Ian McMillan, *The Times*

Great fun Esther Rantzen, *The Mail on Sunday*

A quirky, charming and ultimately illuminating poem *The Daily Telegraph*

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