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# Hidden Universe Travel Guides: The Complete Marvel Cosmos: With Notes By The Guardians Of The Galaxy



## Synopsis

The ultimate guidebook to Earth, the Nine Realms, and other dimensions from Marvel Comics, as told by Peter Quill, Rocket, Groot, and the rest of the Guardians of the Galaxy. Ever since Super Heroes like Thor and the Guardians of the Galaxy started stomping around planet Earth, we've had to open our horizons a little and embrace the wider reaches of space. If you're thinking of journeying to one of the many new realms for a little R&R, then don't leave home without Hidden Universe's guide to the cosmos. Whether you're looking to enjoy the divine splendor of Asgard or soak up the multicultural atmosphere of intergalactic waypoint Knowhere, this is the book for you. It even provides some tips on surviving excursions to Planet Moord and Chitauri Prime, if you like your vacations to be on the extreme side.

**SEE THE COSMOS** Features information on the hot spots, history, and culture of more than forty locations in the Marvel Universe, including Planet X, Halfworld, Weirdworld, and the Planet of the Symbiotes.

**REDISCOVER EARTH** Get the lowdown on some of the Earth's most exotic and mysterious locations, such as Wakanda, Latveria, the Savage Land, and New Attilan.

**GET INVALUABLE ADVICE** Star-Lord, Gamora, Drax, Rocket, and Groot, aka the Guardians of the Galaxy, have filled this book with their own unique travel tips, from where to get a drink in Alfheim to dealing with Ego the Living Planet.

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## Customer Reviews

Marc Sumerak is an Eisner Award-nominated and Harvey Award-nominated comic book writer and editor. Over the past decade and a half, Sumerak has contributed to countless tales of today's most popular characters, including the Avengers, Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four, and the X-Men. His work has been published by Marvel Comics, DC Comics, IDW, and many others.

First of all, a disclaimer for anyone reading this who doesn't know; I am a HUGE Marvel fangirl. I honed my writing skills writing Marvel fanfiction, I own every Marvel movie on Blu-Ray and I'm even a big Marvel's Agents of SHIELD fan. So I'm already pretty knowledgeable about the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The problem with this guide is that it can't seem to make up its mind which Marvel 'verse it's part of. Is it the Cinematic Universe? The commentary by the Guardians characters certainly reads like it is... there's a particularly hilarious reference in the Savage Land section to the fact that Chris Pratt plays both Star-Lord and Owen Grady from Jurassic World. Except... the Savage Land doesn't exist in the MCU, and neither do a lot of the other places referenced here. The Fantastic Four and the X-Men are mentioned multiple times, and they CAN'T exist in the MCU because of contract issues. So we have to assume that this is in fact set in the main comic Marvel 'verse. And that's a problem. Because MCU fans outnumber comic fans by large numbers these days, and I think this book could actually have huge appeal to MCU fans. It's funny, it's informative, it could really help keep things straight and explain other things which are only mentioned in passing on screen. Instead, it's just going to confuse readers because of all the non-MCU things in it - which will never be MCU. This is funny, it's beautifully illustrated, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I can't give it five stars, though, because I think it's going to miss its target audience. Which is a pity.

Rated 2.5 of 5 I absolutely adored the Star Trek edition of the Hidden Universe Travel Guide (see review here), and being a long-time fan of Marvel comics (and renewed fan thanks to the movies) I was really looking forward to this next edition in the series. But what felt like a real travel guide in our make-believe world of the Star Trek universe, feels much more like a comic book atlas than a take-off on the Fodor's or Frommer's that sit in the travel sections of book stores. The book is nicely researched and there's a whole lot of information in here that will really appeal to the Marvel fan.

Not being a Marvel historian, I can't really say how much might be created just for this book and how much has existed through the decades of comic book creation. On every other page (or thereabouts) members of the Guardians of the Galaxy have made additional 'hand-written' notes commenting (usually irreverently) on something. These notes are often fun and editor/author Sumerak manages to not get too carried away with it such that it gets annoying or distracting. For the history and humor, this book is a lot of fun. But this is part of a fake Travel Guide series and it kind of doesn't quite live up to the expectation. Unlike the other Hidden Universe guide I read, this one didn't make anything sound like a place to visit with sights to see, instead, it seemed more like a history tour guide - places where battles occurred or where famous villains reside(d). While I understand including the Guardians of the Galaxy as note-makers given their recent film and appeal, it does strike me (especially after looking at the opening few pages of the book) that Silver Surfer might have made a better guide through the universe. One of the last things that I didn't care too much for, but again - completely understand - is the art. As a mock travel guide, I would like to see images that are much more like photographs of the places I'm considering visiting. What we get here is very traditional comic book art which, for this reader at least, serves to remind us that this is not much more than a novelty comic book. If that's what you are hoping for then, this is a great addition to your collection. If you are wanting something more, or a Hidden Universe series that is strikingly similar from book to book, then this is a disappointment. For me, it was the latter. Looking for a good book? Hidden Universe Travel Guides: The Complete Marvel Cosmos: With Notes by the Guardians of the Galaxy by Marc Sumerak is sort of a comic book atlas that has a lot of interesting and fun information, but departs from the appeal that the Star Trek Hidden Universe book held. I received a digital copy of this book from the publisher, through Netgalley, in exchange for an honest review.

I received a free kindle copy in exchange for an honest review. A fun, fantastic skim of the Marvel Universe from the eyes of the fabulous Guardians of the Galaxy themselves. The entries are short and sweet, not quite like the coffee table books that came out with the original X-Men movies. While the 'quotes' from the Guardians are funny and at times side clutchingly hysterical, the constantly changing type-face used to ID the speaker does give the feeling of a ransom note. The histories of the planets are short and complete enough for the newest of Marvel Fans but may not be filled out enough for the Hardcore Marvel True Believers. It is a nice piece of merchandising to go with the upcoming Vol. 2 Guardians movie coming out but not really helpful to the rest of the universe, for instance the X-Men don't appear in many of the histories that they had hands in as they don't

belong to Disney.4 out of

5<https://www..com/Hidden-Universe-Travel-Guides-Guardians/dp/1608878546>

This review was first posted at Girl Who Reads. A reviewer's copy was provided in exchange for an honest review. This is a guide to different planets mentioned within the Marvel comics universe. It has annotations based on information revealed in various comic runs, as well as color commentary by the Guardians of the Galaxy. This is a fun concept, as various planets are discussed as if it was a Fodor's guide to cities, complete with things to do and things to NOT do while there. It mentions aspects of the planetary cultures, food, and politics, especially in the commentary. It makes more sense if you know the comics that the locations are based on, of course, but it's still easy enough to follow along if you are familiar with the names. Since some of those locations show up in the Marvel movies, fans of the cinematic universe will still enjoy this book.

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