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Every bit as innovative and beautiful as the author's successful *Beyond: Visions of the Interplanetary Probes* but far grander in conception, *Far Out* is an inspiring work of art and science on the cutting edge of human perception.

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"The inventive, imaginative Michael Benson here unfolds the universe in its multiple dimensions."
—Dava Sobel, author of *Longitude*, *Galileo's Daughter*, and *The Planets*

"That the images in Michael Benson's latest book, *Far Out*, are completely mind-blowing goes without saying. What's especially dazzling about this volume, though, is the way Benson's text takes the shards of those blown minds and completely reconfigures them into such a startlingly new and fresh awareness: a trembling awe all its own."

—Lawrence Weschler, author of *Everything That Rises* and *Seeing Is Forgetting the Name of the Thing One Sees*

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