

See You in the Cosmos

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Alex Petroski (11) is a small boy the large dream to launch his own golden record into space and for it to reach aliens. He lives with his unresponsive mother who often doesn't talk for quite long periods of time and takes long walks while Alex takes care of her by doing the cooking and such. His older brother lives in Los Angeles as an agent for athletes and his dog and best friend Carl Sagen. Every chapter of the book is a voice recording that is recorded by his little iPod which he plans to send into space as a golden record which sometimes it picks up conversations of other people nearby too.

The story follows Alex, his dog, and the people he meets along the way and help him reach New Mexico to launch his "Golden iPod" into space. As you follow Alex and his companions you feel like you're growing up with him as he experiences the reality of the world for the first time.

I would recommend this to anyone from 10 years old and above. This is a book I would suggest borrowing from a library because it's a good read but I don't think it's something you will reread very often. There is very little violence and some dialogue that may be slightly offensive if you understand what the subtext is but is never explicitly said but inferred by the reader and by the conversation's direction.

Reccomended Titles:

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

Restart by Gordon Korman

Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer

Awkward by Sevtlana Chmakova