



Celestial bodies: Andreas Cellarius's Harmonia Macrocosmica

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**HARMONIA MACROCOSMICA**

Although it's impossible to squeeze onto most coffee tables, Taschen's massive reprint of Andreas Cellarius's celestial maps will excite anyone who has a passing interest in either fine art or astrology. More commonly recognised as the covers of a million mouse mats, this is the first time the 17th-century cosmographer's work has been collected together since it was published in 1660. Featuring 29 hand-coloured double-folio maps, this is much more than a British Museum relic, a point author Robert van Gent makes very clear early on – Cellarius was one of the most spectacular illustrators the world has ever seen. PB

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