Origin Story A Big History Of Everything

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"I have long been a fan of David Christian. In Origin Story, he elegantly weaves evidence and insights from many scientific and historical disciplines into a single, accessible historical narrative." —BILL GATES

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A Big History of Everything

From the big bang to the first stars, our solar system, life on Earth, dinosaurs, *Homo sapiens*, agriculture, an ice age, empires, fossil fuels, a moon landing, and mass globalization. And what happens next.

Origin story: a big history of everything is a captivating journey that interweaves the threads of cosmic, geological, biological, and human history into a coherent narrative. This expansive tale begins with the birth of the universe itself and extends through the evolution of life on Earth, culminating in the complex societies we see today. Understanding this origin story not only enriches our appreciation of the world around us but also offers insights into our place within it.

The Beginning: The Birth of the Universe

The universe's origin story starts approximately 13.8 billion years ago with the Big Bang, a colossal explosion that marked the beginning of time and space as we know it.

The Big Bang Theory

- 1. What is the Big Bang?
- A massive explosion that created space, time, and all matter in the universe.
- The universe has been expanding ever since, leading to the formation of galaxies, stars, and planets.
- 2. Evidence Supporting the Big Bang
- Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation: The afterglow of the Big Bang, detectable today as a uniform background radiation across the universe.
- Redshift of Galaxies: Observations show that distant galaxies are moving away from us, indicating that the universe is still expanding.