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# THE MAN WHO PAINTED THE UNIVERSE



THE STORY OF A  
**PLANETARIUM**  
IN THE HEART OF THE  
**NORTH WOODS**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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What about Frank Kovac's upbringing inspired him to build his own planetarium? What difficulties did he encounter in childhood?

Despite failures and collapses, Kovac persisted in building his North Woods planetarium. What accounted for this persistence despite significant obstacles?

As a child, Kovac struggled in school. How did he educate himself about the solar system?

What about the North Woods inspired Kovac to build a planetarium there?

What was Kovac's process for building his planetarium? How did he alter his plan when things went wrong?



How did authors Legro and Lank first hear about Kovac's unique planetarium, and how did they go about documenting his story?

Describe the authors' writing style. What do you like and dislike about it?

What did you find about Kovac's story most inspiring or compelling and why?

How did Kovac and his planetarium impact his community?

Kovac's quest to follow his childhood dreams took courage and persistence despite failure and lack of resources. How do you relate to Kovac's experience? Discuss a time when you also had a dream or goal, encountered obstacles, but persevered regardless.

What is your key take-away from *The Man Who Painted the Universe*? What struck you most about the book, and what lessons from the book can you apply to your own life?

