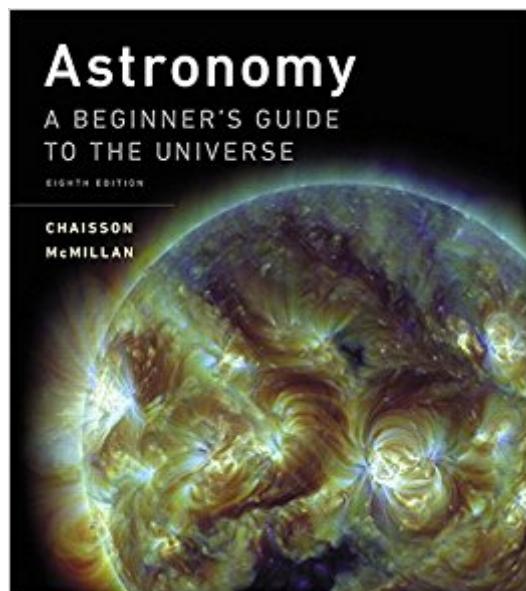


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I really enjoyed this book. I rented because I didn't realize how much I'd like astronomy, wish I had just bought it. Lots of good info. Loses a star for me simply for a terrible reference in the back of the book.

My professor for AST1002 recommended the 8th edition of this text but it was significantly more expensive, so me being super cheap, I rented this edition. If you prefer reading the textbook instead of going to lectures, this text is sufficient. Chapters are not very lengthy and I found the review sections at the end of each one to be quite helpful. I read the assigned chapters the night before the respective exams and got an A on all of them as well as in the course.

I purchased this book for Astronomy class and it arrived in perfect condition. There were no pages missing or marks on the book and it worked well for my Astronomy 101 class.

Astronomy light - very light.

For required college reading, this was one of the best science text books I've ever had. The content was easy to understand for the most part, and flowed well from chapter to chapter. It was written in 2013, so it does need updating due to all the events that occurred just the summer of 2015 alone (i.e. Pluto flyby). Otherwise, great astronomy text book!

Super informative! I kept it after I was done with school!

Easy to understand and used lots of diagrams and pictures to further understanding.

Great book. Covers all areas of astronomy and is written in an easy to follow manner. Good illustrations and diagrams to explain concepts. The Mastering Astronomy website access that comes with it is awesome. Lots of interactive diagrams to further explain concepts. Cool videos for some topics as well. I liked the NASA video of dropping a feather and a brick on the Moon to see that they do both fall at the same rate when there is no atmosphere, confirming Newton's Laws. Good site to practice tests as well. I have this book as a textbook for intro astronomy, but it would be good for anyone wanting an up-to-date book on this topic.

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