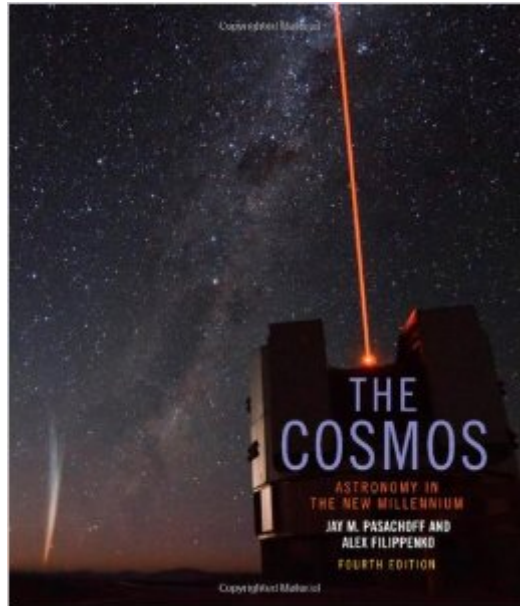


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wonderful review of astronomy. extremely well presented. clear and updated with latest findings, clear drawings, multiple photos and illustration. makes studying and reading it a pleasant intellectual experience

This is a very good book, but I found some of the explanations to be a little difficult to understand. The book is a very good overview of the subject. They sometimes gave you facts, and I would like to know how scientists know the facts. Sometimes they told you facts and did not tell you how the scientists knew, and I would have liked them to do that for most information.

I am using this book for reference in a class that I am taking on the Universe so, of course, have not read it. It is a beautifully illustrated book and I have found it very useful for my class. Rather expensive but I guess all textbooks have become expensive. I would recommend this book to anyone who is very interested in astronomy.

The book is beautiful, anybody wanting a full understanding of Astronomy this is the one. From what I understand this is College level text.

Outstanding astronomy textbook, well organized and presented! Does an excellent job of explaining concepts, findings and observed phenomena in a visually great learning environment. Kudos to Dr Pasachoff and Dr Filippenko for a great job! Astronomy students and the general public are all the better for it.

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