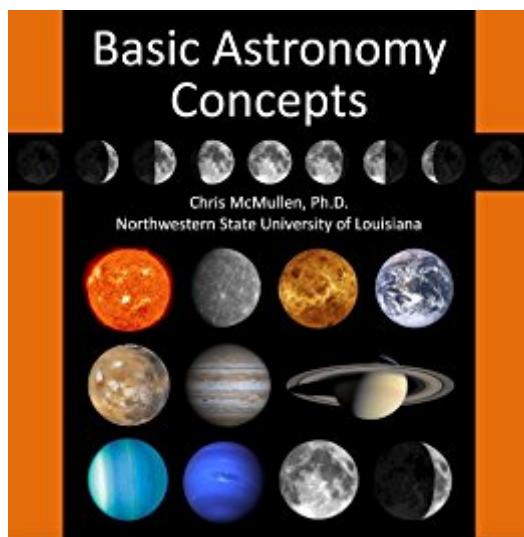


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Introduction in the world of astronomy. Good book to page back through for reference. Not too technical for someone getting into the wonderful field of astronomy.

Very readable, keeps things simple, but lays important foundations for future learning. Diagrams are clear and help to visualise what is happening, with nice space pictures also. I liked the summary pieces too that helped anchor learning.

Wonderful introduction to subject that really illustrates lunar phases and gives reasoning behind evolution of modern ideas of heliocentric model, round earth and Newton's laws. Even gives broad idea on stellar system

This book was a quick, easy to understand, very interesting read to re-familiarize myself with the solar system. I did wish that I had gotten the one in color but it sufficed for informational purposes.

Thanks to Chris for this easy and dynamic explanation of astronomy. I learned a lot!

Elementary way of explaining planets so that anyone can understand.

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