Optional Resources

There are dozens of good astronomy books out there.

Here are some of the best astronomy books

that do **not** have formulas and equations in them:

- **The Universal Book of Astronomy**, from the Andromeda Galaxy to the Zone of Avoidance, by David Darling, ISBN: 0471265691; this is a black-and-white book, but it is very well organized, and very thorough.
- **The Universe Revealed**, edited by Pam Spence, ISBN: 0521642396; very nice graphics and well-organized chapters and sections. A few years out of date, but still an excellent resource.

For books about observing the night sky, try:

- **NightWatch**, by Terence Dickinson, ISBN: 1552093026; this book is also on the shelf in the Fanshawe library, at call number QB64.D54 2006

- **David Levy's Guide to the Night Sky**, 2nd Edition, by David H. Levy, ISBN: 0521797535

The best overall resource book

for data and observing summaries is the annual **Observer's Handbook**. Together with a software package like Google Sky, Stellarium or Celestia running on your computer, you would have almost everything you would need to find your way around the Universe.

If you are interested in formulas and physics theories, look for one of these

University Textbooks:

- **The Cosmic Perspective**, by Jeffrey Bennett, Megan Donahue, Nicholas Schneider, & Mark Voit.

- **The Universe Revealed**, by Chris Impey and William K. Hartmann.

- **Explorations**: An Introduction to Astronomy, by Thomas T. Arny.

- **Introductory Astronomy**, by Keith Holliday.

- **Astronomy Today** (3rd edition), by Eric Chaisson & Steve McMillan.

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