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Mike Seeds was a professor of physics and astronomy at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from 1970 until his retirement in 2001. In 1989 he received F&M College's Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. Mike's love for the history of astronomy led him to create upper-level courses on archaeoastronomy and on the Copernican Revolution ("Changing Concepts of the Universe"). His research interests focused on variable stars and automation of astronomical telescopes. Mike is coauthor with Dana Backman of *Horizons: Exploring the Universe*, 12th edition (2012); *Universe: Solar Systems, Stars, and Galaxies*, 7th edition (2012); *Stars and Galaxies*, 8th edition (2013); *The Solar System*, 8th edition (2013); and *ASTRO*, 2nd edition (2013), all published by Cengage. He was senior consultant for creation of the 20-episode telecourse accompanying his book *Horizons: Exploring the Universe*. Dana Backman taught in the physics and astronomy department at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from 1991 until 2003. He invented and taught a course titled "Life in the Universe" in F&M's interdisciplinary Foundations program. Dana now teaches introductory Solar System astronomy at Santa Clara University and introductory astronomy, astrobiology, and cosmology courses in Stanford University's Continuing Studies Program. His research interests focus on infrared observations of planet formation, models of debris disks around nearby stars, and evolution of the solar system's Kuiper belt. Dana is employed by the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, as director of education and public outreach for SOFIA (the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) at NASA's Ames Research Center. Dana is coauthor with Mike Seeds of *Horizons: Exploring the Universe*, 14th edition (2018); *Universe: Solar Systems, Stars, and Galaxies*, 7th edition (2012); *Stars and Galaxies*, 8th edition (2013); *The Solar System*, 8th edition (2013); and *ASTRO*, 2nd

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Exactly what I needed. Surprised it had an access code, although I didn't need it.

Meh.

Very good astronomy book. Has a lot of detailed colorful diagrams and picture to help thoroughly explain the concepts discussed in class, and provides a solid overview of a lot of astronomical ideas or information that is important to its field of study. Overall, not a bad book, but I wouldn't pay full price unless you really, really like this stuff and plan on using it to review the basics for more advanced classes later on.

book is great. Rented it along with two others and apparently I can't return them now that the semester is over.

Interesting and well written, inially bought used version but the unused version is worth the money.

It's been a good book, plenty of color illustrations in it!

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