
A Concise History of Astronomy. *Peter Doig.* Philosophical Library, Inc., New York. First edition, 1951. xi+320 pp. \$4.75.

This book complies admirably with the author's purpose, as set forth in the preface, by providing a concise, comprehensive and up-to-date account of the development of Astronomy. It should therefore prove very useful as a reference book for students of this science, and in this capacity be the answer to a long-felt need.

The author describes in an orderly manner the history of astronomy from ancient to modern times, devoting a well balanced amount of space to each historical period. The book should be very valuable for any person who already has developed an interest in astronomy.

On the other hand, the book is not meant to arouse the interest of a novice in the field, for it gives a factual account of the development of astronomy rather than a treatment which breathes inspiration. The lack of pictorial content is regrettable, but its presence would probably have added too much to the already substantial price.

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