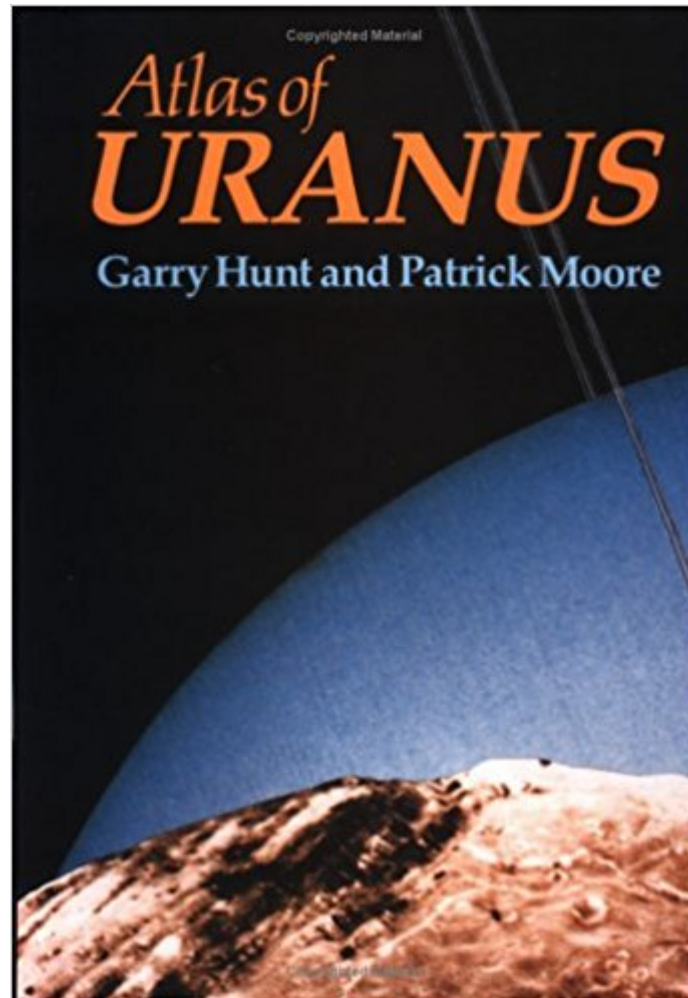


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Uranus is the most distant planet in the solar system yet to be visited by a spacecraft from Earth. Unknown to ancient astronomers, the planet was revealed to us only through the development of the telescope and the observations of Herschel. The flyby of Uranus in January 1986 by the NASA Voyager 2 spacecraft has provided us with astonishing new information on this planet, its rings, satellites, and surrounding environment. The first book to provide a complete look at the best of Voyager 2's photographs of Uranus from its January 1986 mission, the Atlas of Uranus presents a comprehensive historical background to the discovery of Uranus along with its satellites and rings. The book then gives details of the Voyager mission, allowing the reader to share in the quantum leap in our understanding of the new Uranian environment that has emerged from the Voyager encounter.

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When Voyager 2 flew by Uranus in January 1986, our knowledge of this mysterious world expanded immeasurably. New minor satellites were found, and high-quality images of the already existing ones were obtained. One satellite in particular - Miranda - surprised the astronomical world with terrain of a kind that had never been seen before, or imagined. It was time for another installment in Hunt and Moore's "Atlas of" series. For those who own the "Atlas of Jupiter" and "Atlas of Saturn", the thinness of this book might be disappointing at first. Where the first two atlases dispense a wealth of information, theories and pictures on Jupiter and Saturn, the third one predictably cannot

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Gorgeous gorgeous photos in this book, but it is not for kids or anyone daunted by lengthy scientific discussion presented in nine-point type. If you can get past the depth of the subject matter, this is a highly detailed look at both the process by which Uranus was discovered and the physical features of Uranus as captured by the Voyager probe. Definitely not for everybody. But just as definitely fascinating for those who are interested in the outer planets of our solar system.

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