Exploration Of The Universe By George O. Abell Exploration Of The UniverseThe textbook for my first astronomy course! A bit dated (since this book was written we have been to the moon and sent many probes to the surface of Mars and past many other planets and their moons---Pluto was still a planet in those days) but highly readable and comprehensive discussing all aspects of the field of astronomy from the astronomy of the Greeks heliocentrism Newton's laws celestial mechanics the solar system and its various components stars and their evolution our galaxy and others and the expanding universe. If you're planning on exploring the Universe start with Seeing in the Dark and In the Mind's Sky by Timothy Ferris then move on to this book once you have your intergallactic starship.

As stated in my info this was my astronomy class textbook in the late 70s, Rwanda Edited in part by the late UCLA astronomer George O: Abell this college textbook on astronomy is an excellent introduction to the field. There are lots of excellent diagrams and photos. Rwanda A textbook really. Rwanda Old textbook monochrome photographs. Rwanda

