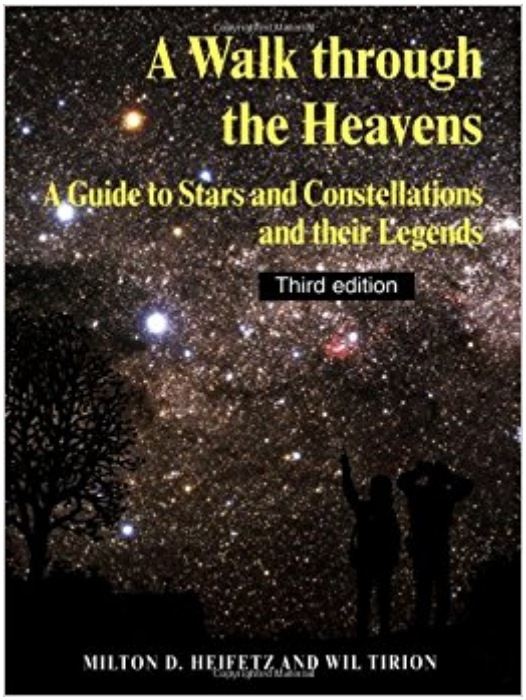
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This book is perfect. Just what I wanted to give as a present and the receiver was very happy. I wish I had gotten this book sooner

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