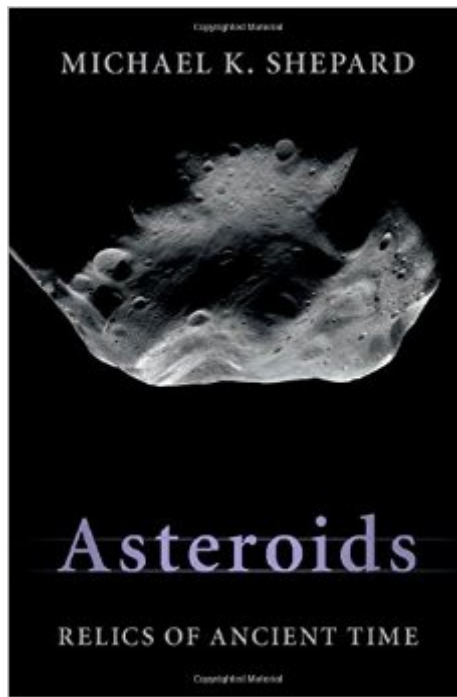


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I am an amateur astronomer, and always had an interest in comets, meteors and asteroids. This book covers those last two subjects well. I would say the reading level is advanced, you need some knowledge going into this book. There were parts that were over my head, but overall this is an outstanding and very readable book. I would recommend this book to meteorite collectors wanting to know more about parent asteroids and amateur astronomers with a good understanding of the solar system. If you don't fit that, still get this book for Wikipedia and the Internet has good sources for the tougher subjects. Glad I bought this.

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