

A. Feedback upon publication:

Prof. Wendy Freedman, October 2011
(Director, Carnegie Observatories, USA)

*I encourage others to buy the book... It's a tour de force.
(...)
I believe it took a long time... It is very impressive in its scope.*

Dr. Floor van Leeuwen, 19 September 2011
(Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, UK; *Hipparcos* specialist)

*Ziet er erg goed uit, gefeliciteerd.
(Looks very good, congratulations.)*

Dr. Alexey Butkevich, 22 April 2012
(Technische Universität Dresden, Germany)

*You have described very clearly, and in great detail, topics that have
always been attracting my attention ...
(...)
Thank you again for a very informative book about one of the most
interesting area[s] of astronomy.*

Prof. David Valls-Gabaud, 14 June 2012
(Observatoire de Paris, France)

This will be the standard reference in this field for years to come!

Prof. Alberto Buzzoni, 31 July 2012
(Università di Bologna, Italy)

*I wish to congratulate for the excellent piece of work: I really enjoyed it
and I'll certainly recommend the book to my students.*

B. Feedback at the time of peer review:

Prof. Eric Peng, 4 March 2011 (Chapter 4)
(Department of Astronomy, Peking University, China)

*I'm super impressed by the amount of material you must have had to
digest to write this book – truly an achievement!*

Prof. Stephen Smartt, 14 February 2011 (Section on supernovae)
(Queen's University Belfast, UK)

*Overall it's excellent. (...) It's a very good summary and I've nothing
major to add. You should be very happy with it!*

Prof. Zuhui Fan, 18 January 2011 (Chapter 5)
(Department of Astronomy, Peking University, China)

I read through this chapter with great interest. Thank you very much for your efforts to write [a] book that will definitely benefit the community greatly.

Prof. Renxin Xu, 1 January 2011 (Section on pulsars)
(Department of Astronomy, Peking University, China)

[I] think that you really did a good job.