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by Fred Hoyle

Doubleday ..... \$12.95

A lavish, oversized (8x11) pictorial history of astronomy by Fred Hoyle, the British astronomer who has served as part-time visiting professor at Caltech during the past five years. The illustrations are numerous and colorful; the text is lively, comprehensive, and understandable.

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edited by Hugh Odishaw

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The material, which originally appeared in a special issue of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* (May-June 1961), has here been updated and expanded.

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by Stanley M. Ulanoff

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by John Foster, Jr.

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by the Editors of *Fortune*

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By WILLIS W. HARMAN, Stanford University. McGraw-Hill Electrical and Electronic Engineering Series. Available in January, 1963.

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