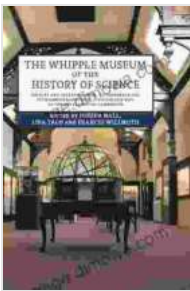


# Objects and Investigations to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Whipple Gift To

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To celebrate the 75th anniversary of Whipple's gift, the Smithsonian Institution has organized an exhibition of objects from the collection. The exhibition, which is on view at the National Air and Space Museum, features a variety of instruments, including telescopes, spectroscopes, and

cameras. It also includes materials such as Whipple's notebooks and correspondence.

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## ## The Whipple Gift

Fred Lawrence Whipple was born in Red Oak, Iowa, in 1906. He developed an interest in astronomy at a young age, and he built his first telescope when he was just 12 years old. Whipple went on to earn a degree in astronomy from the University of California, Berkeley, and he later worked at the Harvard College Observatory.

In 1947, Whipple donated his collection of astronomical instruments and materials to the Smithsonian Institution. The gift included telescopes, spectroscopes, cameras, and other equipment. It also included Whipple's notebooks, correspondence, and other materials.

The Whipple Gift was a significant addition to the Smithsonian's collections, and it has been used for research and education ever since. The Whipple Gift has been used to study a variety of astronomical objects, including comets, meteors, and planets. It has also been used to develop new theories about the formation and evolution of the solar system.

## ## The Exhibition

The exhibition to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Whipple's gift features a variety of objects from the collection. The exhibition is divided into three

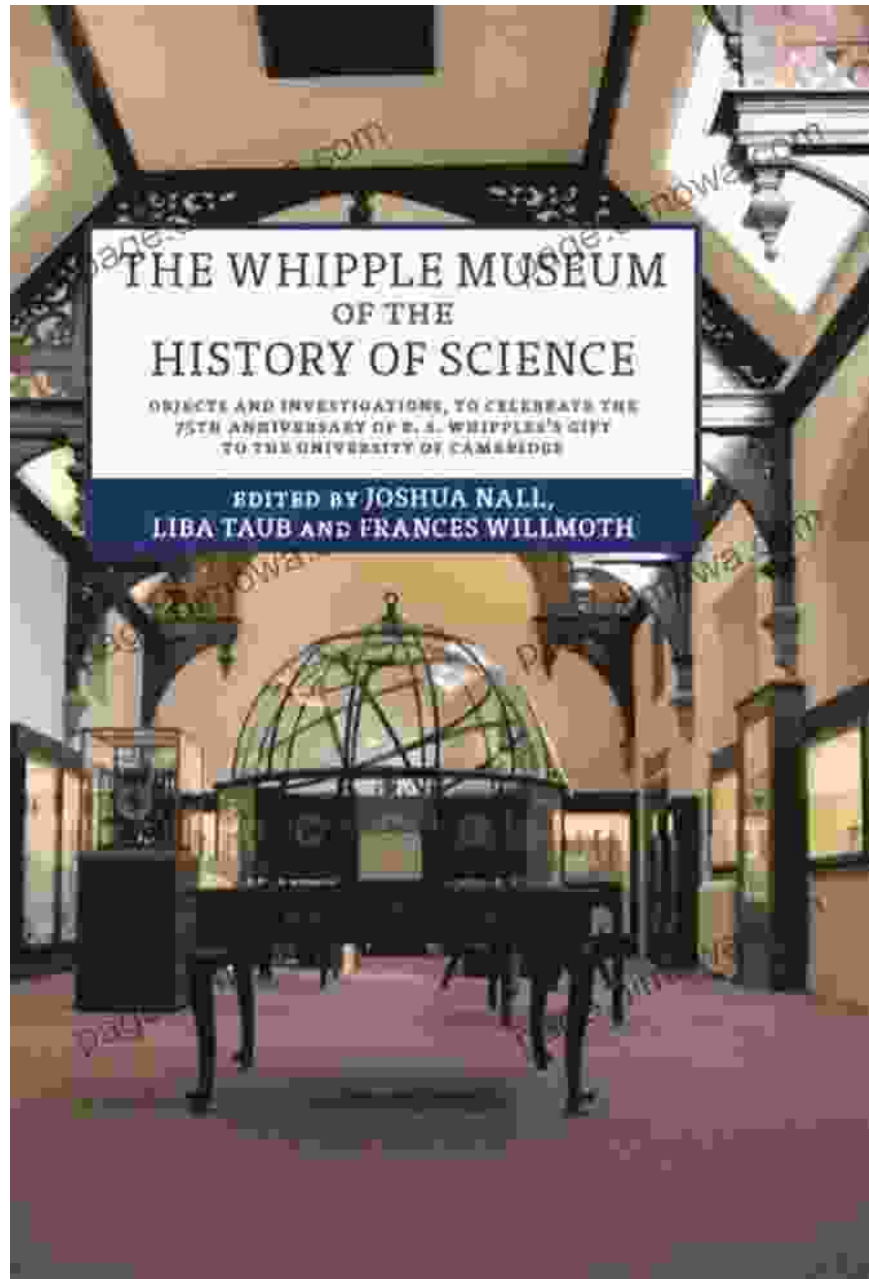
sections:

1. **The Instruments:** This section features a variety of astronomical instruments, including telescopes, spectroscopes, and cameras. These instruments were used by Whipple to study comets, meteors, and planets.
2. **The Materials:** This section features materials such as Whipple's notebooks, correspondence, and other materials. These materials provide a glimpse into Whipple's life and work.
3. **The Legacy:** This section explores the legacy of Whipple's gift to the Smithsonian Institution. The Whipple Gift has been used for research and education for 75 years, and it has helped to advance our understanding of the universe.

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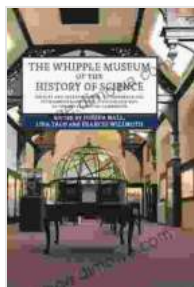
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Fred Lawrence Whipple (1906-2004) was an American astronomer who made significant contributions to the study of comets and meteors. He is best known for his "dirty snowball" model of comets, which is now widely accepted. Whipple also played a key role in the development of the space program, and he was a member of the team that planned the first manned moon landing.

Whipple's gift to the Smithsonian Institution was a major event in the history of astronomy. The Whipple Gift has been used for research and education for 75 years, and it has helped to advance our understanding of the universe. The exhibition to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Whipple's gift is a fitting tribute to one of the most important figures in the history of astronomy.



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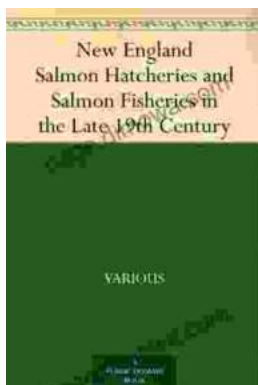
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