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Halley's Comet Teaching Resources

The first issue of *The Universe in the Classroom* lists the following as good resources for teaching about Halley's Comet:

Books:

- Chapman, R. and Brandt, J.: *The Comet Book: A Guide for the Return of Halley's Comet* (1984, Jones and Bartlett) — Excellent book for teachers, featuring comet science, comet lore, and good suggestions for observing the comet.
- Branley, F.: *Comets* (1984, T.Y. Crowell) — good picture book for students in grades K — 3.
- Krupp, E.: *The Comet and You* (1985, Macmillan) — an illustrated book for students grades K — 4; ready in February 1985.
- Schatz, D.: *The Comet Cometh: An Activity Book for the Return of Comet Halley* — (a teacher's guide to be published in 1985).

Articles for Teachers (or High School Students):

- Bortle, J.: "Brighter Prospects for Halley's Comet" in *Sky and Telescope* Jan. 1984, p. 9.
- Glenn, W.: "Halley's Comet Makes a Comeback" in *The Science Teacher* Jan. 1984, p. 38.
- Neugebauer, M.: "The Comet Fleet" in *Mercury*, May/June 1984, p. 66.

Slides:

Comets and Comet Halley — A set of 31 slides and detailed captions by Dr. John C. Brandt of NASA; produced by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Computer Software:

- Halley's Comet* (Starsoft, P.O. Box 2524, San Anselmo, CA 95472; for IBM computers)
- Halley's Comet on Your Home Computer* (S & T Software, 13361 Frati Lane, Sebastopol, CA 95472; for Apple computers)
- (Both of these provide information and plot the position of the comet)

Note: An illustrated catalog of useful educational materials in astronomy is available from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (1290 24th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122) and includes a number of the above resources.

The Universe in the Classroom is a copyrighted publication of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, 1290 Twenty-fourth Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122. Teachers and librarians may obtain a free subscription to the quarterly newsletter by making a request on school stationery.

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— C.W.B.