

CONTENTS

Acknowledgements [ix]

- 1 The night the stars fell [1]
- 2 Sifting [13]
- 3 Struggling to understand meteors [35]
- 4 The November meteors in history [53]
- 5 The critics attack [65]
- 6 The discovery of the August meteors [83]
- 7 1866: the first predicted return [101]
- 8 The meteor–comet connection [117]
- 9 Meters for meteors [145]
- 10 The coming fire shower – 1899 [159]
- 11 The world's safest fireworks display – 1932 [173]
- 12 New horizons in meteor science [191]
- 13 Surprise – 1966 [205]
- 14 Killer comets and dis-asteroids [221]
- 15 Catch a falling star [253]
- 16 Prospects for 1999 and 2000 [269]
- 17 The journey of a meteoroid [301]

Glossary [313]

Bibliography [321]

Index [343]