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The Backyard Astronomer's Guide Cambridge University Press

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Dark Skies Springer Science & Business Media

Witnessing the sweep of the Milky Way, the remains of comets burning up in our atmosphere, or the shimmering aurora, we better understand the universe and our place in it. Lonely Planet's *Dark Skies*, the first world's guide to astrotourism, can help you experience all of this and more first-hand. Meticulously researched by dark sky expert Valerie Stimag, this comprehensive companion includes guides to 35 dark-sky sites and national parks, where to see the aurora, the next decade of total solar eclipses and how to view rocket launches, plus the lowdown on commercial space flight, observatories and meteor showers. *Dark Skies* is divided into sections to help you plan your dark sky tour: *Stargazing* focuses on the basics of appreciating the dark sky, with an overview on how to stargaze and what types of objects to look for, as well as tips for the urban stargazer. *Dark Places* is devoted to 35 of the best places around the globe for stargazing and experiencing the night sky, including sites designated by the Dark Sky Association. *Astronomy in Action* features some of the world's top research facilities and observatories, where you can get a closer look at space science. *Meteor Showers* has everything you need to know about the most consistent and impressive meteor showers that happen annually. *Aurora* is divided into two parts, one focusing on the aurora borealis in the northern hemisphere and the other on the aurora australis in the southern hemisphere. *Eclipses* follows the schedule of total solar eclipses over the next decade. If you've never experienced totality, here is your definitive guide to planning your trip. *Launches* helps you experience a different side of astrotourism: rocket launches and the countries that allow you to travel to see them. *Space Tourism* discusses the future of humans in space - including you! The

major players in the evolving space tourism market are detailed, plus the world's most common destinations and experiences. About Lonely Planet: Lonely Planet is a leading travel media company and the world's number one travel guidebook brand, providing both inspiring and trustworthy information for every kind of traveller since 1973. Over the past four decades, we've printed over 145 million guidebooks and grown a dedicated, passionate global community of travellers. You'll also find our content online, on mobile, video and in 14 languages, 12 international magazines, armchair and lifestyle books, ebooks, and more. Important Notice: The digital edition of this book may not contain all of the images found in the physical edition.

Finding a Million-Star Hotel McGraw-Hill

Choosing and Using the New CAT will supersede the author's successful *Choosing and Using a Schmidt-Cassegrain Telescope*, which has enjoyed enthusiastic support from the amateur astronomy community for the past seven years. Since the first book was published, a lot has changed in the technology of amateur astronomy. The sophistication and variety of the telescopes available to amateurs has increased dramatically. Computerized SCTs, Maksutov-Cassegrains, and most recently Meade's new and acclaimed Ritchey-Chrétien's have come to dominate the market. That means that all amateurs considering the purchase of a new telescope (not only a SCT, and not just beginners) will benefit from this detailed guide. Choosing the right telescope for particular kinds of observation (or even for general work) is far from easy - but Rod Mollise gives invaluable advice and guidance.

The Art of Urban Astronomy Turner Publishing Company

An abundantly illustrated guide to the year's best stargazing season. "Summer brings with it fine stargazing weather; it also happens to be the time of the year when our galaxy, the Milky Way, arches high across the sky." -- Terence Dickinson The cool, clear nights from May to October offer astronomers the best opportunities for stargazing. Few sights in nature can compare with the splendor of a dazzling star-filled sky. *Summer Stargazing* captures the grandeur of the universe with down-to-earth simplicity. All that is needed is a reasonably dark night sky, a pair of binoculars or a simple telescope, and this book. The book features everything else the amateur astronomer needs, including easy-to-use color star charts that cover the entire North American sky for one year and photographic-quality charts for this main stargazing season. With *Summer Stargazing*, astronomers can delve into the majesty of the starry night to explore: Planets of the Solar System Galaxies Remote star-forming nebulas Glittering star dusts and more. Helpful advice is given for safely viewing special phenomena such as eclipses and auroras. *Summer Stargazing* is both a stargazing guide and a pictorial celebration of the summer night sky.

A Question and Answer Guide to Astronomy Cambridge University Press

Light pollution has spread so much in the last few decades that it often compromises our view of the stars. It is becoming more and more difficult to find an observing site with clear, dark skies away from light and industrial pollution. However, with patience, some simple equipment, and by choosing the right targets to observe, amateur astronomers can still find observing from towns and cities a rewarding hobby. The result of thirty years of observing the night sky from within a city, Denis Berthier's practical guide will help amateur astronomers to enjoy their hobby without having to travel to distant sites, and without using complicated equipment or difficult techniques, enabling them to observe and photograph stars and planets as well as many other celestial objects.

The Complete CD Guide to the Universe Richmond Hill, Ont. : Firefly Books

The ideal introduction to astronomy in the city. These days, skywatchers do not have to live close to a city or town center to suffer from the effects of light pollution. According to the National Park Service, city lights as far as 200 miles away diminish views of night skies. So even in a remote field,

the sky above may be part of the "sky glow" of the surrounding city or town. Weather might be an issue too, as it is for all skywatchers. Nevertheless, there are many celestial delights to be seen. Urban Astronomy shows that nighttime lighting and the resultant brightening of the sky can be combatted and demonstrates how to make the best of poor conditions. Although the unaided eye may be able to pick out only a few hundred stars, binoculars or a small telescope will reveal many times that number. A little optical aid can also give you good views of every type of major astronomical object, including star clusters, nebulae and galaxies. For example, there are special filters that let through the light from distant nebulae while blocking out wavelengths infested by unwanted stray light from streetlights. Modern CCDs allow modest amateur telescopes to penetrate the urban sky glow and reveal sights that would have taxed larger instruments 30 years ago. The book also covers: How weather and pollution affect observing Specific tips to combat urban streetlighting The best objects to observe from cities and towns Deep-sky objects visible from urban locations in both the northern and southern hemispheres The range of telescopes and accessories for light-polluted skies CCDs and the rebirth of astronomy from cities and towns How to find dark skies. The book's nine chapters cover the basics of successful urban viewing, its "enemies" -- weather and streetlights -- and explain how to choose viewing targets and arm yourself with the right "weapons and ammunition" to find them. The book also covers indoor astronomy. Urban Astronomy is an ideal guide to skywatching while combating light pollution. It will show you how to get the most out of almost any sky.

Astronomy Springer Science & Business Media

A field guide for amateur astronomers.

Choosing and Using a New CAT Cambridge University Press

For thousands of years, observers have gazed up at the night sky and wondered at the celestial bodies that occupy the vastness of space. If you have ever wanted to learn more about such phenomena, or just how to locate the major constellations and the planets, this practical and accessible guide will provide all the information you need. Covering comets, aurorae, asteroids, and nebulae as well as the moon, stars, and planets, *New Astronomer* is fully illustrated with drawings and photographs. Detailed sky charts help you to navigate around the heavens and locate the major constellations, stellar objects, and the planets. For each of the planets, there is a specially prepared map to help you pinpoint the exact location of each one up to the year 2010. A planisphere is included that shows the entire sky above your head for any time of night, and for any time of the year. *New Astronomer* offers comprehensively detailed yet straightforward advice on choosing and using the very latest equipment, including binoculars, telescopes, and accessories. It also shows you how to take photographs of celestial objects using an ordinary camera linked to your astronomical equipment. For the real enthusiast, this book features state-of-the-art technology, such as computer-linked digital imaging. Whether you are already an experienced astronomer, or just starting out, this essential guide contains all you need to know for successful skywatching.

Star Watch Springer

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Skyguide, a Field Guide for Amateur Astronomers Philip's

Colorful illustrations enhance this introduction to astronomical observations.

Astronomy Simon and Schuster

This is an ideal book for starting astronomy. It stirs the imagination, and puts observation of the sky into the framework of leisure activity as well as a personal adventure. Written by an award-winning astronomer, it is a non-technical guide to the night sky, full of practical hints. The author's lively style enthralls, entertains and informs. • know the constellations, even if you live in a large city • observe the Sun safely • find out how comets are discovered • watch a star vary in brightness from week to week • explore star clusters and remote galaxies Author David Levy is one of the world's foremost amateur astronomers. He has discovered 17 comets. Minor Planet 3673 Levy is named in his honour. An English graduate, Levy has written a beautiful introduction to the glories of the observable universe of constellations, stars and galaxies.

The Urban Astronomer Storey Publishing, LLC

A complete guide for the amateur astronomer living in an urban or suburban center... The *Urban Astronomer* If you think a trip to the country is necessary to observe celestial objects, take a second look. Viewing the sky from an urban location can be just as fun and educational -- if you know how to go about it. The *Urban Astronomer* shows amateur and more advanced astronomers the best ways and times to observe celestial objects from a city or suburban environment. Complete with detailed illustrations, *The Urban Astronomer*: Shows readers how to overcome the special problems of viewing the sky from cities and suburbs, such as light pollution Describes in detail those objects most easily viewed from a city location Includes many sky activities that can be enjoyed by novice and experienced urban astronomers Provides helpful tips and checklists for preparing your own stargazing outing Covers objects for naked-eye observation as well as those that need binoculars or telescopes and describes the best equipment for the urban stargazer

Urban Astronomy Willowdale, Ont. : Firefly Books

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Grab 'n' Go Astronomy Springer

"The classic beginner's guide to the night sky."--Page 4 of cover.

Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders Cambridge University Press

A practical guide to viewing the universe.

First Light and Beyond Firefly Books

An introductory illustrated and comprehensive guide to observing and understanding the night sky. This book provides a survey of science's growing understanding of space and includes details of the latest space probes. The most recent photographs from the world's finest observatories and space-based cameras capture the wonder and beauty of the universe. Astronomy covers a wide variety of heavenly phenomenon: Distant stars Planets of the Solar System Comets and shooting stars Eclipses Black holes. Vivid cross-sections of the planets with a concise description and a chart of their relative distance from the sun provide at-a-glance information. A series of monthly sky charts point out constellations, star clusters, galaxies, nebula and more. The sky maps use easy-to-read symbols to identify open and globular star clusters, galaxies and planetary nebula. The constellations are labeled and diagramed. Spectacular images of space phenomenon are further explained with colorful digital graphics. Nebula, clusters, galaxies, etc. are profiled with color images and short descriptions. A pictograph tells whether binoculars or a telescope is required. Astronomy is a fascinating and easy-to-use illustrated reference for amateur astronomers of all levels.

NightWatch Springer

Amateur astronomers who have been disappointed by the results of an observing session can take comfort in the guidance of this book, which advises how to still gain useful experience in seemingly "failed" nights at the telescope. In a world with imperfect seeing conditions, incredible observing sessions are often mixed with less inspiring ones, discouraging the amateur observer. This book is designed to minimize subsequent disappointment for astronomers who encounter a few bad observing sessions, helping novice observers take something worthwhile away each and every time they go out under the night sky, regardless of the observations that were originally planned. Almost every observer remembers his first sight of ringed Saturn, hanging in the blackness of space. Practitioners agree that there is something special about visual observing. Real-time observations at the eyepiece can provide fleeting yet intense feelings that connect us with the universe in unique ways. But when expectations aren't met at the eyepiece, there are other ways to profit from the practice of astronomy. These rewards, though less showy, are well worth cultivating. This is a book that will help the reader see what constitutes a "successful" visual observing session. It explains the nature of the objects that the observer is seeing and advises how best to use their equipment. There are many hints and tips about how best to locate, recall, and record observations, including suggestions for trips to areas where there are dark skies and to public observatories. Amateur astronomy is a journey from the urban backyard all the way to dark rural skies, and with this guide the journey can be smooth.

The Sky Trapeze

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The Complete CD Guide to the Universe Wiley

The sun, moon, stars, and planets have been a source of wonder and fascination for as long as humans have inhabited the earth. In *Sky Gazing*, a highly visual guide to observing the sky with the naked eye, kids aged 9-14 will delve into the science behind what they see, whether they live in a dark rural setting or under the bright lights of the city. Exploring astronomical objects and events, this captivating book takes young readers on a tour of our solar system and deep space beyond, with explanations of how objects like Earth's moon were formed and the "why" behind phenomena such as eclipses, northern lights, and meteor showers. Curious sky gazers will discover how to find and observe planets -- no binoculars or telescopes required! -- and star charts will guide them in spotting constellations throughout the seasons and in both hemispheres while they learn about constellation myths from cultures around the world. Activities include tracking the cycles of the sun and moon and observing the sky during daylight hours or on a cloudy night, while astronomer profiles and sidebars on space technology and current issues such as light pollution help ground kids' discoveries in the ancient and enduring science of studying the sky.

Astronomy Springer

For as long as there have been people, men and women have looked up into the night sky and wondered about the nature of the cosmos. Without the benefit of science to provide answers, they relied on myth and superstition to help them make sense of what they saw. Lucky for us, we live at a time when regular folks, equipped with nothing more than their naked eyes, can look up into the night sky and gain admittance to infinite wonders. If you know what to look for, you can make out planets, stars, galaxies, and even galactic clusters comprising hundreds of millions of stars and spanning millions of light-years. *Astronomy For Dummies* tells you what you need to know to make sense of the world above us. Written by one of the most well-known astronomers in the world, this fun, fact-filled, and accessible guide fills you in on the basic principles of astronomy and tells you how to: Identify planets and stars Explore our solar system, the Milky Way, and beyond Understand the Big Bang, quasars, antimatter, black holes, and more Join the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Get the most out of planetarium visits Make more sense out of space missions From asteroids to black holes, quasars to white dwarfs, *Astronomy For Dummies* takes you on a grand tour of the universe. Featuring star maps, charts, gorgeous full-color photographs, and easy-to-follow explanations it gives you a leg up on the basic science of the universe. Topics covered include: Observing the night sky, with and without optics Selecting binoculars and telescopes and positioning yourself for the best view Meteors, comets, and man-made moons Touring our solar system and becoming familiar with the planets, asteroids, and near Earth objects Our Sun, stars, galaxies, black holes and quasars SETI and planets revolving around other suns Dark matter and antimatter The Big Bang and the evolutions of the universe You might think the cosmos is a vast and mysterious place, but *Astronomy For Dummies* will make it seem as friendly and familiar as your own backyard.

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