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Winner of the 1987 New York Academy of Sciences Children's Science Book Award, Exploring the Night Sky is aimed at novice stargazers anxious to expand their astronomical repertoire beyond the Big and Little Dippers. Dickinson has designed a superb introduction to astronomy that is clear, concise, and very "user friendly" no matter what the child's age. 50 color photographs and illustrations.

Welcome to the first comprehensive guide to one of the world's most popular telescopes: the ShortTube 80 refractor. With its ultra-portability, versatility, and relatively low cost, this telescope continues to delight generations of stargazers. Starting in the field under a dark sky, the author walks the reader through a typical evening of stargazing, where the ShortTube 80 brings many astronomical treasures into focus. From there, he provides an in-depth account of the optical properties of the ShortTube 80 re-

fractor and the accessories and mounting arrangements that maximize its potential both as a spotting 'scope by day and an astronomical 'scope by night. The main text discusses how the versatile ShortTube 80 can be used to study deep sky objects, the Sun, the Moon, bright planets and even high-resolution projects, where the instrument's features can be optimized for the observation of tight double and multiple stars. It explores how the ShortTube 80 can image targets using camera phones, DSLRs and dedicated astronomical CCD imagers. Packed with practical advice gained from years of firsthand stargazing experience, this book demonstrates exactly why ShortTube 80 has remained a firm favorite among amateur astronomers for over three decades, and why it is likely to remain popular for many years to come.

Explore the star-studded cosmos with this fully updated, user-friendly skywatcher's guide, filled with charts, graphics, photographs, and expert tips for viewing -- and understanding -- the wonders of space. Stargazing's too much fun to leave to as-

tronomers. In these inviting pages, "Night Sky Guy" Andrew Fazekas takes an expert but easygoing approach that will delight would-be astronomers of all levels. Essential information, organized logically, brings the solar system, stars, and planets to life in your own backyard. Start with the easiest constellations and then "star-hop" across the night sky to find others nearby. Learn about the dark side of the moon, how to pick Mars out of a planetary lineup, and which kinds of stars twinkle in your favorite constellations. Hands-on tips and techniques for observing with the naked eye, binoculars, or a telescope help make the most out of sightings and astronomical phenomena such as eclipses and meteor showers. Photographs and graphics present key facts in an easy-to-understand format, explaining heavenly phenomena such as black holes, solar flares, and supernovas. Revised to make skywatching even easier for the whole family, this indispensable guide shines light on the night sky--truly one of the greatest shows on Earth!

Reach for the stars Stargazing is the practice of observing the night sky and its contents - from constellations through to planets and galaxies. Stars and other night sky objects can be seen with the naked eye, or seen in greater numbers and in more detail with binoculars or a telescope. Stargazing For Dummies offers you the chance to explore the night sky, providing a detailed guide to the main constellations and also offering advice on viewing other night sky objects such as planets and nebulae. It's a great introduction to a fun new hobby, and even provides a fun way to get the kids outside while doing something educational! Gives you an introduction to looking at the sky with binoculars or a telescope Offers advice on photographing the night sky Without

needing to get your head around mind-bending theories, you can take part in some practical physics If you're looking for easy-to-follow guidance on getting to know the night sky, Stargazing For Dummies has you covered.

The Stargazer's Guide is an accessible astronomy guide to the history, science, and myth of the night sky, perfect for anyone entranced by the stars. Guiding readers through what there is to see in the sky, why it's interesting, and how previous generations viewed and interpreted it, expert stargazer Emily Winterburn entertains and informs with this fun, accessible, and appealing look at the beauty of the heavens.

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

This special edition has been designed specifically for aspiring astronomers living south of the equator. This book explores the planets, stars, galaxies and nebulae observable from the southern hemisphere. Not only does this book illustrate how to observe, it also shows how each object appears through a small telescope!

Ice and Fire: Great Comets to Come was written because a special celestial event climaxes towards the end of 2013 - the arrival, fresh from the Oort Cloud, of Comet C/2012 S1 (ISON). By all predictions - even the most pessimistic ones - this comet is set to be one of, perhaps the most, dazzling comet seen in modern history and has the astronomical world buzzing with anticipation. Skywatchers have already been primed for C/2012 (ISON) earlier in 2013 with the apparition of another naked-eye comet, C/2011 L4 (PanSTARRS), and following C/2012 S1 (ISON) there is the prospect of 2012 K1 (PanSTARRS) reaching naked eye visibility in

August 2014. Future bright cometary prospects are also discussed, taking into account the latest predictions. Examining the origin and nature of comets using examples of great comets from the past, this book sets the scene for the arrival of Comet C/2012 S1 and those following it over the next few years in the inner Solar System. Skywatchers and amateur astronomers can learn how to follow, observe and record comets. There is also a guide on how to keep abreast of the latest cometary discoveries and how to use a variety of reputable sources, including publications, websites, programs and apps to visualize and plan observations. The role of the amateur in cometary discovery also is featured, as well as details on how professional astronomers plan to get the most 'science' out of cometary apparitions, how and why professionals go about discovering comets, and upcoming plans to visit comets with space probes (and later, perhaps, human visits). Illustrations provide historic images of comets, images from space probes and images of the latest bright comets. Orbital plots and easy-to-follow sky charts are also included. This book is a unique guide that sets the scene by giving a comprehensive history of comets and examples of great comets throughout history and informs the reader about the nature and origins of this spectacular occurrence. Expectations are fully covered by explaining not only what the regular person can expect to see, but how amateur astronomers can plan observations and what steps the professionals are taking to 'get the most science' from this exciting event.

This is a complete introduction for anyone who has wanted to be an astronomer, or wondered what an astronomer does. The reader is introduced to the working lives of amateur and professional

astronomers, and to both simplistic early equipment and highly sophisticated modern astronomical devices. Major discoveries and some of man's exploits in space are described. Fully illustrated with color photographs, the book documents how observations with the powerful successors to Galileo's simple telescope of 1609 are used in combination with the startling revelations of the X-ray, infra-red and ultra-violet Universe to advance our understanding of our environment. The continual struggle to improve observing conditions is also explored, from new observatories placed high in remote mountain areas to the efforts to send instruments into space and man's dream of travelling among the planets himself.

This fully updated 2013 edition of this essential guide features a range of specially commissioned articles by some of the world's top astronomers, an authoritative collection of charts and astronomical data and a special picture section featuring some of the most important astronomical events of the year.

As telescopes, detectors, and computers grow ever more powerful, the volume of data at the disposal of astronomers and astrophysicists will enter the petabyte domain, providing accurate measurements for billions of celestial objects. This book provides a comprehensive and accessible introduction to the cutting-edge statistical methods needed to efficiently analyze complex data sets from astronomical surveys such as the Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System, the Dark Energy Survey, and the upcoming Large Synoptic Survey Telescope. It serves as a practical handbook for graduate students and advanced undergraduates in physics and astronomy, and as an indispensable reference for researchers. Statistics, Data Mining, and Machine

Learning in Astronomy presents a wealth of practical analysis problems, evaluates techniques for solving them, and explains how to use various approaches for different types and sizes of data sets. For all applications described in the book, Python code and example data sets are provided. The supporting data sets have been carefully selected from contemporary astronomical surveys (for example, the Sloan Digital Sky Survey) and are easy to download and use. The accompanying Python code is publicly available, well documented, and follows uniform coding standards. Together, the data sets and code enable readers to reproduce all the figures and examples, evaluate the methods, and adapt them to their own fields of interest. Describes the most useful statistical and data-mining methods for extracting knowledge from huge and complex astronomical data sets Features real-world data sets from contemporary astronomical surveys Uses a freely available Python codebase throughout Ideal for students and working astronomers

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 dusters 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.

This second edition of Mike Inglis's classic guide to observing the Milky Way in the Southern Hemisphere updates all of the science about the target objects with new findings from the astrophysics field. In addition, the book boasts a larger format with entirely redrawn maps. Newly laid out for ease of use with an increased number of images in color, it updates and improves the first edition to remain the most comprehensive text on the subject. One of the wonders of the universe we live in is the Milky Way, and this book provides a wonderful tour of its highlights for amateur astronomers observing below the equator. In its pages, Southern Hemisphere observers interested in viewing our own galaxy's finest features will find every constellation that the Milky Way passes through with detailed descriptions of the many objects that can be found therein, including stars, double and multiple stars, emission nebulae, planetary nebulae, dark nebulae and supernovae remnants, open and galactic clusters, and galaxies. The book also details the one thing that is often left out of observing guides - the amazing star clouds of the Milky Way itself. Accompanying the descriptive text there are many star charts and maps, as well as the latest images made by observatories around

the world and in space along with those taken by amateur astronomers. This second edition's updated scientific material and an easy-to-use layout perfect for many nights of fruitful observation.

A guide to viewing stars, the moon, planets, meteors, comets, and aurora through binoculars. Features a foreword by renowned astronomer and writer David Levy. Includes a complete guide to current binocular brands and models and explains what to look for in each season.

Sets out a simple month-by-month program to reveal all of the night sky's biggest and most beautiful secrets in just one year – and with only a few hours of stargazing each month. By investing just an hour a week and \$50 in binoculars, it's possible to learn a few simple techniques and quickly gain a real insight into the night sky's ever-changing patterns – and what they tell us about Earth, the seasons and ourselves. Searching more for a learned appreciation of nature and our exact place within the cosmos than academic scientific knowledge, science and travel writer Jamie Carter takes the reader on a 12 month tour of the night sky's incredible annual rhythms that say so much about Earth. During the journey he learns about the celestial mechanics at work in the skies above that are – to the beginner – almost beyond belief. As well as the vital constellations and clusters, and the weird and wonderful nebulas, he searches out “dark sky destinations” across the globe that help increase knowledge and give a new perspective on familiar night sky sights. On the journey he witnesses a solar eclipse and grapples with star-charts, binoculars, smartphone apps, telescopes, spots satellites and attempts basic astro-photography. By year's end, the reader will be able to

glance at the night sky from anywhere on the planet and tell what direction he or she is facing, what time it is, where all the planets are and even where the Galactic Center Point is.

'... (the book) conveys the enthusiasm and excitement of the authors even at the potential of an astronomical discovery, a lot of advice is useful, and it would certainly encourage and help anyone to have a go at astronomical photography.' Astronomy Now

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A classic for all ages—the “wonderful” guide to the night sky by the creator of *Curious George* (Horn Book). Containing star charts, a guide to the constellations, and details about seasons and the movement of the objects we see in the sky, this classic

book makes H. A. Rey's passion for astronomy evident on every page. New updates concentrate on the planetary and solar system information in the latter part of the book. Facts and figures for each planet have been revised, and new scientific information has been added, such as Pluto's reclassification as a dwarf planet. There's also a brand-new online resource that allows readers to track the positions of the planets in the night sky till the year 2100. "An excellent introduction to the heavens, to satisfy and stimulate a child's interest...a very useful book."—Kirkus Reviews "Persuades the reader that astronomy is not only easy—it's fun."—The New York Times "Excellent."—Saturday Review "Unless otherwise noted, Scripture quotations are from the New King James Version of the Bible."—T.p. verso.

The very first work of its kind, *Celebrating the Universe: The Science & Spirituality of Stargazing* is a guide to the wonders of the heavens visible to the unaided eye and in binoculars, with a focus on the "soul" of the night sky! This travel guide to the stars is written from a metaphysical and spiritual perspective in addition to a scientific one. The unique unifying theme throughout is the personal benefits of communing with celestial wonders firsthand—the joy and heady excitement of participating in the great cosmic drama unfolding nightly overhead. This involves such little-known aspects of stargazing as therapeutic relaxation, celestial meditation, expansion of consciousness, spiritual contact, and astral travel. Everything the budding stargazer and celestial pilgrim needs for this cosmic journey is contained within this volume, from how to observe the sky . . . to what to see—and why! Covered are the Sun, Moon, and all of the planets; comets, asteroids, meteors, and artificial satellites; variable and exploding

stars, colorful double and multiple stars, and glittering star clusters; and eerie glowing nebulae, our majestic Milky Way, and even the remote galaxies. Astronomer and author James Mulaney explores profound concepts such as our heritage as children of the stars (we are made of stardust!) and our cosmic destiny (as citizens of the universe!)—all from an aesthetic viewpoint.

Boxing's colourful history is filled with chapters of high drama and simmering controversy. Many boxing fans are familiar with the outcome of the most memorable bouts, but few know the secrets surrounding them. In 'The 12 Greatest Rounds of Boxing', Ferdie Pacheco not only selects the dozen best rounds ever fought, but reveals what went on behind the scenes at these fights, from chicanery and Mob influence to romantic liaisons and the zaniness that seems to go hand in glove with boxing. Did Muhammad Ali's 1965 'Phantom Punch' really knock out Sonny Liston, or was Sonny simply too scared to get off the canvas? With World War II looming, was German heavyweight champion warned by Adolf Hitler to beat Joe Louis - or else? Did Jack Dempsey have something illegal in his glove when he battered Jess Willard into bloody submission in 1919? The fascinating behind the scenes stories are related by Pacheco and a renowned group of boxing experts, offering an intimate glimpse of boxing inimitable characters and the often bizarre world they inhabit. Patrick Moore's illustrated month-by-month guide to astronomy with the naked eye.

Reviews for the previous editions: Among the many good books on binocular astronomy, *Stargazing with Binoculars* stands out as

one of the best. [Scagell and Frydman] pack an amazing amount of information into a volume that's clearly written, entertaining, attractive, and portable. --Sky and Telescope A serious contender for the title of best all-around introduction to binocular astronomy. --Sky and Telescope Stargazing with Binoculars is the ideal guide for newcomers to astronomy. The authors review the range of the latest binoculars on the market and provide advice on features to consider before making a purchase. Then they lead the beginner through the first steps of using binoculars to observe the night sky, describing what will be visible and how to find specific objects. This edition has been thoroughly updated to incorporate the latest binocular technology. Illustrated throughout and packed with handy tips and tricks, the book includes: How binoculars work and what to expect Buying for the first time and upgrading The wide range of binoculars available internationally Using different sizes of binoculars The effects of light pollution Observing the Sun, Moon, planets, comets, asteroids, stars, clusters, variable stars, double stars, novae, nebulae and galaxies Guidance for observing in the city and in the country Glossary of terms. Binoculars are portable and financially accessible, whereas a telescope can be costly and unwieldy. Even binoculars without bells and whistles will give the viewer an exciting look into the night sky. This introduction is the ideal guide in that pursuit.

The study of astronomy offers an unlimited opportunity for us to gain a deeper understanding of our planet, the Solar System, the Milky Way Galaxy and the known Universe. Using the plain-language approach that has proven highly popular in Fleisch's other Student's Guides, this book is ideal for non-science majors taking introductory astronomy courses. The authors address topics that

students find most troublesome, on subjects ranging from stars and light to gravity and black holes. Dozens of fully worked examples and over 150 exercises and homework problems help readers get to grips with the concepts in each chapter. An accompanying website features a host of supporting materials, including interactive solutions for every exercise and problem in the text and a series of video podcasts in which the authors explain the important concepts of every section of the book.

Field guide to the night sky with information on individual stars, constellations, galaxies, planets, and the moon.

A basic field guide for beginning observers of the night sky, introducing information on the locations, names, and characteristics of stars, constellations, and other bodies in outer space.

Visual Astronomy introduces the basics of observational astronomy, a fundamentally limitless opportunity to learn about the universe with your unaided eyes or with tools such as binoculars, telescopes, or cameras. The book explains the essentials of time a Appendix C William Herschel: the greatest visual observer of all time - by Larry Mitchell -- Appendix D Image credits -- Index

A step-by-step guide to knowing the night sky. Find northern hemisphere constellations easily by starting small and expanding your knowledge. This guide is meant to be taken outside! Read the instructions, and follow along with the stars. The only equipment necessary: your eyes and a clear night. Each lesson builds on knowledge learned in previous lessons, and students of the stars will become comfortable and confident in their ability to identify northern hemisphere constellations accurately.

A first-time skywatcher's guide from bright new talent, BBC Blue

Peter astronomer, Anton Vamplew

Astronomy & allied sciences.

Philip's Stargazing 2013 is a concise guide to the northern night sky, helping starwatchers to see the year's most fascinating events, whether observing with the naked eye, binoculars or a telescope. The guide is suitable for use between latitudes 40N and 60N, including Britain and Ireland, Europe as far south as Rome, and Canada and the northern USA as far south as Philadelphia. Each chapter (one for each month of the year) has a colour star map, created by Wil Tirion, showing the positions and phases of the Moon, the positions of the planets, and other useful information. Each month also includes a constellation described in detail; special events during the month, such as eclipses; a featured astronomical object, usually a deep-sky target; plus an astrophotograph, with details of how it was taken. The Solar System Almanac explains the movement of the planets, with particular attention paid to their positions in 2013. Solar and lunar eclipses, meteor showers and comets are also described. Exploring the Deep Sky provides a list of recommended deep-sky objects. The observer can use the monthly charts to discover which constellations are on view, and then use this information to plan deep-sky observing. The book concludes with an Equipment Review. Here Robin Scagell, author of Philip's Stargazing with a Telescope, provides a round-up of what's new in observing technology, from the latest brands of telescope to the best webcams.

Constellations is a guide to the night sky that focuses on these 88 distinctive patterns, revealing their often intriguing stories—their origins, mythology, present-day significance, and the

multitude of wondrous objects they contain. Complete with over 300 of the best astronomical images ever captured, a comprehensive introduction to the stars and other celestial phenomena, and a series of newly commissioned, state-of-the-art maps showing the stars that are visible from populated latitudes in both hemispheres throughout the year, this magnificent guide has all you need to know to become an expert stargazer. Step outside on a clear night, and the number of stars in the night sky can be overwhelming. Take a pair of binoculars or a small telescope with you, and a celestial vista of star clusters and clouds, knots of gas and dust, nearby planets and distant galaxies is revealed. Since ancient times, stargazers have made sense of the night sky by grouping its stars into constellations—star patterns that often have symbolic or mythological meanings.

Explains the fundamentals of astronomy together with the hottest current topics in this field, such as exoplanets and gravitational waves.

Offers advice on observing the night sky, discusses the stories associated with the constellations, and discusses double stars, variable stars, the sun, and deep sky objects

Compact, easy to use and reliable, this popular guide contains everything you need to know about the southern night sky with monthly star maps, diagrams and details of all the year's exciting celestial events. Wherever you are in Australia or New Zealand, easy calculations allow you to determine when the Sun, Moon and planets will rise and set throughout the year. Also included is information on the latest astronomical findings from space probes and telescopes around the world. The Sky guide has been published annually by the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, since 1991.

It is recommended for photographers, event planners, sports organisers, teachers, students -- and anyone who looks up at the stars and wants to know more.

Stargazing is among the most peaceful and inspiring outdoor activities. *Night Sky*, the award-winning book by Jonathan Poppele, makes it more fun than ever! Take a simple approach to finding 62 constellations by focusing on one constellation at a time, instead of attempting to study dizzying charts. Start with the easy--

to-find constellations during each season and work toward the more difficult ones. Better yet, you'll learn how to locate any constellation in relation to the Big Dipper, the North Star and the top of the sky. With two ways to locate each constellation, you'll know where in the sky to look and what to look for! Along the way, you'll be introduced to mythology, facts and tidbits, as well as details about the planets, solar system and more! As an added bonus, the book comes with a red-light flashlight for night reading.