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Astronomy For Dummies
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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.

Finding a Million-Star Hotel Turner Publishing Company

This book covers the "why," "how," and "what" of astronomy under light-polluted skies. The prospective city-based observer is told why to observe from home (there are hundreds of spectacular objects to be seen from the average urban site), how to observe the city sky (telescopes, accessories, and moderns techniques), and what to observe. About half of the book is

devoted to describing "tours" of the sky, with physical and observational descriptions, at-the-eyepiece drawings, and photographs.

100 Things to See in the Night Sky, Expanded Edition

Springer

The only practical guide to observing truly spectacular astronomical objects from less than perfect locations. The only book to deal in depth with the application of image intensifiers to real-time astronomy. Gives advice

on viewing objects, and on making realistic images by drawing or video. Includes extensive catalogs of spectacular objects that can be seen from suburban sites in both hemispheres.

A Question and Answer Guide to Astronomy

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. The Complete CD Guide to

the Universe Turner
Publishing Company

"I hope that people all around the world never forget what a wonderful thing it is to lie on your back and look up at the stars" Pete Seeger What is the fascination that constellations hold for people? There are probably as many different answers to that question as there are people. For many, though, the constellations are the stepping-off point into the fabulous, mind-bending discoveries and concepts of modern astronomy. For

others it is their long and intriguing history that beckons. For some people the constellations provide the means for navigation and orientation over the surface of the Earth, and of course there are the millions who place some faith in horoscopes. But for most people the patterns in the sky are a beautiful part of their environment to be treasured alongside the forests, fields and rivers that make life worth living. However just as we are losing our green environment to pollution,

so we are losing our sky. The glow from cities across the world swamps the stars in the night sky. Astronomers have had to retreat to remote mountain tops to escape that light pollution. The rest of us must make do with what is available. From the centre of a city, or any other brightly lit area, probably no stars at all will be visible even on the clearest of nights. From the suburbs, the brighter stars should normally be seen.
Backyard Astronomy
McGraw-Hill

A BBC Sky at Night Best Astronomy and Space Book of the Year “[A] luminous guide to the cosmos...Jo Dunkley swoops from Earth to the observable limits, then explores stellar life cycles, dark matter, cosmic evolution and the soup-to-nuts history of the Universe.” —Nature “A grand tour of space and time, from our nearest planetary neighbors to the edge of the observable Universe...If you feel like refreshing your background knowledge...this little gem

certainly won’t disappoint.” —Govert Schilling, BBC Sky at Night Most of us have heard of black holes and supernovas, galaxies and the Big Bang. But few understand more than the bare facts about the universe we call home. What is really out there? How did it all begin? Where are we going? Jo Dunkley begins in Earth’s neighborhood, explaining the nature of the Solar System, the stars in our night sky, and the Milky Way. She traces the evolution of the universe

from the Big Bang fourteen billion years ago, past the birth of the Sun and our planets, to today and beyond. She then explains cutting-edge debates about such perplexing phenomena as the accelerating expansion of the universe and the possibility that our universe is only one of many. Our Universe conveys with authority and grace the thrill of scientific discovery and a contagious enthusiasm for the endless wonders of space-time.

Observing the Moon

Willowdale, Ont. : Firefly Books
 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. *The Monthly Sky Guide* Cambridge University Press
 Offers amateur astronomers a guide to techniques and available

technologies for observing the night sky from an urban location, discussing optimal weather conditions, ways to reduce the effects of light, different types of telescopes, and readily seen celestial bodies

Astronomy Springer
Discusses the practical aspects of stargazing, including how to choose appropriate equipment, contending with light pollution, taking successful photographs of galaxies and nebulas, and selecting an observing site.

Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders
Springer
Colorful illustrations enhance this introduction to astronomical observations.

The Urban Astronomer's Guide
Richmond Hill, Ont. :
Firefly Books
In the ten years since this award-winning book was originally written by Michael Porcellino, the field of astronomy and its discoveries has grown by leaps and bounds. From the astounding images sent back by the Hubble

Space Telescope, to the bright comet Hale-Bopp from the fleet of Martian probes, to the long-distance explorations of the Moon, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn--the universe has become more accessible than ever. And thanks to this revised and thoroughly updated new edition by astronomer and science writer, Patricia Barnes-Svarney, anyone with an interest can delve into its wonders. From the very close up to the far reaches of space,
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TELESCOPE presents a

uniquely "user-friendly" view of the universe, and offers both novice and advanced amateur astronomers some of the best tools available to watch the nighttime skies. You'll learn all about: *

- * Setting up a good, user-friendly telescope system
- * How to look at the universe in order to really see it
- * Upgrading your telescope for peak performance
- * How to spot a star cluster, a nebula—even a supernova
- * Forming your own network of amateur astronomers. Complete

with a web site appendix and fully updated charts on eclipses and planetary oppositions well into the year 2000, this edition of an acclaimed book will be an invaluable users guide for aspiring astronomers entering the new millennium.

First Light and Beyond DK Publishing (Dorling Kindersley)

Your Passport to the Universe The night sky is alive with many wonders--distant planets, vast star clusters, glowing nebulae, and expansive galaxies, all waiting to be explored.

Let respected astronomy writer Philip Harrington introduce you to the universe in *Star Watch*, a complete beginner's guide to locating, observing, and understanding these celestial objects. You'll start by identifying the surface features of the Moon, the banded cloud tops of Jupiter, the stunning rings of Saturn, and other members of our solar system. Then you'll venture out beyond our solar system, where you'll learn tips and tricks for finding outstanding deep-sky objects from stars to

galaxies, including the entire Messier catalog--a primary goal of every serious beginner. *Star Watch* features a detailed physical description of each target, including size, distance, and structure, as well as concise directions for locating the objects, handy finder charts, hints on the best times to view each object, and descriptions of what you'll really see through a small telescope or binoculars and with the naked eye. *Star Watch* will transport you to the farthest depths

of space--and return you as a well-traveled, experienced stargazer. *The Amateur Astronomer's Handbook* Maker Media, Inc. Philip's *The Urban Astronomy Guide* provides the ideal introduction to the fascinating hobby of astronomy for the town dweller. These days, you don't have to live close to a city or town centre to suffer from the effects of light pollution. From your back garden or rooftop observing site, your night sky will be illuminated by light from the surrounding

city or town. And while, like everyone else, you will have to contend with the vagaries of the weather, you will have the added problem of poor air quality. But despite these difficulties, there is still a host of celestial delights to be seen! In this book, author Robin Scagell shows that night-time lighting and the resultant brightening of the sky can be combated, 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, for those who want to develop their interest further, there are special filters that let through the light from distant nebulae while blocking out wavelengths infested by unwanted stray light from streetlights. And modern CCDs allow modest

amateur telescopes to penetrate the urban sky glow and reveal sights that would have taxed the largest professional instruments only 30 years or so ago. Philip's *The Urban Astronomy Guide* will show you how to get the most out of almost any sky with whatever equipment you have, or even with none at all. [The Complete CD Guide to the Universe](#) Springer Science & Business Media Did you know that stars are seasonal? That Orion is one of the brightest constellations? That a

single day on Venus is longer than an entire year on Venus? Space has captivated mankind since the beginning of time. Fifty years ago, Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on the moon and since then our knowledge of astronomy has continued to expand. With so many mysteries yet to be solved, science journalist Abigail Beall takes readers on an astonishing journey though the landscape of space. In *The Art of Urban Astronomy*, you will be guided through the

seasons and learn about the brightest stars and constellations, the myths and legends of astronomy and how to identify star clusters and galaxies with just your eyes or a pair of binoculars. For urban dwellers wrapped up in the rush and bustle of the city, it can be calming and truly valuable to take the time simply to stop, look and reconnect with nature. Packed full of seasonal star charts, constellation charts and fascinating facts, this is the perfect guide for those who have looked up

at the night sky and don't know where to begin. After reading this book, you'll never look up in the same way again. *Astronomy* Wiley Bob Mizon, one of the world's best known campaigners against the veil of light pollution that has taken away the starry sky from most of the world's population, takes readers to a hundred places in the UK and the USA where the wonders of the night sky might still be enjoyed in perfect or near-perfect night skies. Visiting small hotels and

simple campsites, and savoring vast dark-sky reserves where the night sky is actively protected, The Million-Star Hotel celebrates the black skies of yesteryear - which may become a reality for more and more of us as modern technology reins in lighting and puts it only where needed. How can you prepare for your stay beneath the stars? What astronomy can you do during the daytime? What kind of equipment will you need? Questions such as these are answered, and if town dwellers return

inspired – and, Bob hopes, also inspired to look with fresh eyes at their own local lighting – there is enough information here for them to equip themselves for some urban astronomy too.

Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders
Cambridge University Press

Your updated guide to exploring the night sky Do you know the difference between a red giant and a white dwarf? From asteroids to black holes, this easy-to-understand guide takes you on a

grand tour of the universe. Featuring updated star maps, charts, and an insert with gorgeous full-color photographs, *Astronomy For Dummies* provides an easy-to-follow introduction to exploring the night sky. Plus, this new edition also comes with chapter quizzes online to help your understanding. For as long as people have been walking the earth, those people 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. Whether you're an amateur astronomer, space enthusiast, or enrolled in a first year astronomy course, *Astronomy For Dummies* gives you a reason to look into the heavens. Includes updated schedules of coming eclipses of the Sun and Moon and a revised planetary appendix. Covers recent discoveries in space, such as water on the Moon and Pluto's demotion from "planet" status. Collects new websites, lists of telescope motels, sky-watching guides, and

suggestions for beginner's telescopes and suppliers. Provides free online access to chapter quizzes to help you understand the content. Ever wonder what's out there in the big ol' universe? This is the book for you!

Astronomy Willowdale, Ont. : Firefly Books
This is the largest and most comprehensive atlas of the universe ever created for amateur astronomers. With finder charts of unprecedented detail, in both normal and mirror-image views, and an extensive list of 14,000

objects, it provides a detailed observing guide for almost any practical amateur astronomer, up to the most advanced. Spanning some 3,000 pages, this is a project that is possible only on CD-ROM. The CD-R pages are extensively indexed and referenced for quick location of objects. The accompanying book gives an introduction to the Atlas, showcases the maps, describes the CD-R content and organization, and includes various appendices.
Photo-guide to the

Constellations LibreDigital
 Have you ever wanted to get better at observing the universe but didn't know where to begin? Have you ever wondered what you are looking at in the night sky? Whether you are just beginning or an advanced amateur astronomer, you will want to have this book in your astronomical library. This book wraps up an entire astronomy course around the study of astronomical images, all of which have been taken by the author. The fascinating images contained herein will

inspire readers to explore the descriptions of astronomical objects of all types and the physical processes they undergo throughout the universe. The author is both a career astronomy professor and an avid amateur astronomer who owns an arsenal of small telescopes for observing and conducting CCD imaging. The author's descriptions are at a level any reader can follow. Using his own images, mostly taken with smaller telescopes as opposed to Hubble, James Webb, or

multi-meter mountain top observatories, show amateur astronomers and hobbyists what can be accomplished by using modest and affordable equipment. The book begins with a primer on telescopes and the myriad types on the market today. You'll read about why there are so many models as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each. This is followed by an introduction to astrophotography, a complete description of paper and digital start

atlases available today, and a discussion on celestial nomenclature – why are celestial objects named what they are named! You'll learn about light, and how it interacts with matter to create what we see in the night sky. Finally, you'll go on a grand tour of the Universe, from the Moon and Sun to comets, nebulae, star clusters and galaxies.

Astronomy Springer
Contains 250 questions and answers about astronomy, particular for the amateur astronomer.

Exploring the Universe

Cambridge University Press
With the advent of inexpensive, high-power telescopes priced at under \$250, amateur astronomy is now within the reach of anyone, and this is the ideal book to get you started. The Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders offers you a guide to the equipment you need, and shows you how and where to find hundreds of spectacular objects in the deep sky -- double and multiple stars as well as

spectacular star clusters, nebulae, and galaxies. You get a solid grounding in the fundamental concepts and terminology of astronomy, and specific advice about choosing, buying, using, and maintaining the equipment required for observing. The Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders is designed to be used in the field under the special red-colored lighting used by astronomers, and includes recommended observing targets for beginners and intermediate observers

alike. You get detailed start charts and specific information about the best celestial objects. The objects in this book were chosen to help you meet the requirements for several lists of objects compiled by The Astronomical League. Binocular Messier Club Urban Observing Club Deep Sky Binocular Club Double Star Club RASC

Finest NGC List
Completing the list for a particular observing club entitles anyone who is a member of the Astronomical League or RASC to an award, which includes a certificate and, in some cases, a lapel pin. This book is perfect for amateur astronomers, students, teachers, or anyone who is ready to dive into this rewarding

hobby. Who knows? You might even find a new object, like amateur astronomer Jay McNeil. On a clear cold night in January 2004, he spotted a previously undiscovered celestial object near Orion, now called McNeil's Nebula. Discover what awaits you in the night sky with the Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders.