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**David Levy's Guide to the Night Sky** - David H. Levy  
2001-11-22

The perfect introduction for the novice astronomer, this book stirs the imagination and puts observation in a framework of social activity and personal adventure. Written by an award-winning astronomer, it is a technical guide to the sky, full of helpful practical hints. The author's lively style engages, entertains, and informs. Newcomers will learn how to enjoy the Moon, planets, comets, meteors, and distant galaxies observable through a small telescope. Levy describes the features of the Moon from night to night; how to observe constellations; how best to view the stars, nebulae, and galaxies; how to follow the planets on their annual trek among the constellations; how to map the sky; how to find a new comet; how to buy or even make a telescope; what to see in a month of lunar observations or a year of stellar observation; and much more.

**Observer's Guide to Stellar Evolution** - Mike Inglis  
2012-12-06

Stellar evolution - the birth, development and death of stars - is central to our current understanding of

astronomy, but surprisingly the majority of amateur astronomers lack a full understanding of the physics of stars. Current books on the market tend to be highly theoretical and off-putting, in *Observer's Guide to Stellar Evolution*, Mike Inglis brings this subject to life in a unique way. By combining a step-by-step introduction with suggestions for practical observations of stars at different stages in their evolution, amateur astronomers regardless of their current level of knowledge, will find this book fascinating and informative. -Accessible to every amateur astronomer, regardless of background knowledge. -Step-by-step introduction to the theory of stellar evolution. - Includes many examples of stars at different stages in their evolution, that the reader can observe for him/herself. -Mathematics is made accessible by being presented in 'boxes' that readers can skip over if they prefer!

[Philip's Deep Sky Observer](#) - Neil Bone 2006-04

Useful for the amateur deep sky observer, this work contains three essential items for exploring the universe beyond our Solar System: *Philip's Deep Sky*

Observer's Guide, Philip's Deep Sky Chart, and Philip's Deep Sky Calendar.

*Guide to Observing Deep-Sky Objects* - Jeff Farinacci 2008

Guide to Observing Deep-Sky Objects is an invaluable reference for all amateur astronomers. The book contains, for each constellation, (1) a star chart showing the Bayer labels, (2) a table for many of the stars in the constellation, along with their positions and magnitudes, and (3) a table of the major deep-sky objects in the constellation, with relevant observational data. Facing pages provide unique year-long graphs that show when the constellation is visible in the sky, which allows the user to quickly determine whether a given constellation can be seen, and when the best time to see it will be.

*Visual Astronomy* - Panos Photinos 2014-04-01

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

*The Casual Sky Observer's Guide* - Rony De Laet 2011-10-12

The Casual Sky Observer's Pocket Guide offers an observing program for occasional amateur observers looking for some quick, fun astronomy adventures under the stars. In the real world, where time for observing is limited, the weather is seldom perfect, and expensive equipment is not an option, amateur astronomy may not be seen as a worthwhile activity. However, portable and quick-to-set-up instruments are available. A pair of binoculars or a small telescope fills the bill. And the way to make the most of these instruments is described

in the Casual Sky Observer's Pocket Guide. Not only does the book feature the best and brightest showpieces of the heavens; it also provides a great deal of physical and environmental data as well as lots of fascinating information and beautiful illustrations that provide a unique perspective on the many treasures within and beyond our home galaxy, the Milky Way--stars, star clusters, other galaxies, and nebulae, all within reach of binoculars or a small telescope.

**Stephen James O'Meara's Observing the Night Sky with Binoculars** - Stephen James O'Meara 2008-10-09

Month by month, star by star, object by object, Stephen James O'Meara takes readers on a celestial journey to many of the most prominent stars and constellations visible from mid-northern latitudes. Filled with interesting anecdotes about the stars and constellations and their intriguing histories, this book is both a useful guide for amateur astronomers, and a great first-time reference for those just starting out. After describing a constellation's mythology, readers are guided in locating and identifying its brightest stars in the sky, as well as any other bright targets of interest - colourful stars, double or multiple stars, star clusters and asterisms, nebulae, galaxies, variable stars, and more. This book will help beginning stargazers become familiar with the stars and constellations visible from their backyards, and explore the brightest and best stars, nebulae, and clusters visible through inexpensive, handheld binoculars.

**Philip's Deep Sky Observer's Guide** - Neil Bone 2013  
Philip's Deep Sky Observer's Guide is a practical introduction to deep sky observing, explaining in straightforward, non-technical language what is meant by the 'deep sky', and how to observe the Universe beyond

our Solar System. Many people have been inspired by the incredible images returned from the Hubble Space Telescope and wish to see such objects for themselves. While the views through Earth-based telescopes may not be as spectacular as those obtained from space, it is a huge thrill to look at such famous objects as the Triangulum Galaxy or the Horsehead Nebula. Deep sky observing has become a very popular activity for skywatchers. Philip's Deep Sky Observer's Guide is suitable for observers with small- to medium-sized telescopes, or even binoculars. It begins by introducing the basics of observing and explaining what equipment is required. Each type of deep sky object is then dealt with chapter by chapter - galaxies, globular clusters, diffuse nebulae, open clusters, double stars, planetary nebulae and supernova remnants. Each chapter recommends a number of objects or 'targets' to view, and the author describes how to find them and what to expect to see, as well as providing important data and tips for drawing or photographing the target. A complete set of star maps marks all the objects included in the book, and additional charts are provided for targets that are tricky to locate.

*The Observer's Sky Atlas* - Erich Karkoschka 2013-06-29  
Can you remember being impressed by a clear starry sky? Look at the Milky Way through binoculars and it will reveal its many hundreds of thousands of stars, double stars, stellar clusters, and nebulae. If you are a new observer, it is not that easy to find your way in this swarm of stars, but this atlas tries to make it as easy as possible. So now it is not just experienced amateurs that can enjoy looking at the heavens. Two additional observing aids are recommended. The first is a planisphere, where one can dial in the time and day in order

to see which constellations are visible and where they are in the sky. The second is an astronomical yearbook. It lists the current positions of the planets and all important phenomena. So, let us begin our journey around the night sky, and see what the universe can reveal to us! Facing page, top: The constellation Cygnus (Swan) in the midst of the northern Milky Way. The photograph gives an impression of the uncountable stars in our Milky Way. This becomes more conspicuous when you sweep through Cygnus with binoculars. Under a very dark sky, one can try to find the North America Nebula, Pelican Nebula, and Veil Nebula (see p. 47). These are difficult nebulae and are only barely visible on this photograph as well.

National Geographic Backyard Guide to the Night Sky, 2nd Edition - Andrew Fazekas 2019

Volume packed full of information that illuminates key astronomical concepts along side the history and legends surrounding the stars and planets.

**Moon Observer's Guide** - Peter Grego 2004

A night-by-night guide to studying the moon. The moon is usually the first celestial body that captures a stargazer's attention and imagination. Throughout history, the moon has endured as a universal subject of myth, poems, entertainment and intense scientific endeavor. In clear language and with full color photographs and illustrations throughout, Moon Observer's Guide offers practical guidance to amateur astronomers viewing Earth's only natural satellite. There is valuable advice for observing the Moon with the naked eye, binoculars and telescopes. Central to this book is a detailed 28-day guide to lunar features. Lunar geology and the various causes of physical features, such as craters and volcanoes, are described. Also

included are: Guidelines for choosing binoculars and telescopes Ways of recording observations Digital and conventional photography Using Internet resources, personal computers and lunar software programs Safety tips for observing the moon during solar and lunar eclipses Detailed moon maps This book is an ideal reference for the growing numbers of beginning astronomers.

*Wonders of the Night Sky You Must See Before You Die* - Bob King 2018-04-24

"Take your night watching to the next level with Bob King's bucket list collection of 57 remarkable night sky wonders and dark sky destinations. Fill your nights with adventure and the ability to see some of the incredible phenomenon of the sky with this must-have book. Learn all about the brightest and best stars, planets, meteors, comets and constellations using the naked eye, binoculars, telescopes and apps."--

Star Watch - Philip S. Harrington 2003-07-24

Offers an introduction to locating and observing celestial objects, including tips on finding deep-sky objects and advice on the best times for viewing.

**Observing Handbook and Catalogue of Deep-Sky Objects** - Christian B. Luginbuhl 1998-09-17

The most detailed guide to observing the deep sky in one volume, now available in paperback.

**The Sky Observer's Guide** - Robert Newton Mayall 1985

Discusses how to select and use binoculars and telescopes, how to observe planets, meteors, comets, and other celestial bodies, and how to use star charts.

**Burnham's celestial handbook** - Robert Burnham

**The Bedford catalogue** - William Henry Smyth 1844

**Stars Over Botswana** - Uno Jonsson 1988

The Observer's Guide to Astronomy: Volume 1 - Patrick Martinez 1994-09-22

An authoritative guide packed with practical tips for all types and levels of observations in amateur astronomy.

**Deep Sky Observer's Guide** - Neil Bone 2005

'Deep Sky' refers to the universe beyond our own solar system. Using binoculars or telescopes, any sky-gazer can become a deep sky observer. Deep Sky Observer's Guide looks beyond individual stars to target: Star clusters Double Stars Nebulae Galaxies. The Deep Sky Observer's Guide introduces the basics of observing and explains what equipment is required. A chapter is devoted to each type of deep sky target. There are more than 200 such objects featured, with 126 color illustrations and star-finder charts. The Deep Sky Observer Guide is also available in a convenient pack (ISBN: 1-55407-025-2) that comes with deep sky charts and an observing calendar.

*101 Objects to See in the Night Sky* - Robin Scagell 2014

The perfect starter astronomy guide to night viewing.

101 Objects to See in the Night Sky is a fun and practical guide to identifying and observing 101 of the most fascinating and exciting sights in the northern night sky. Designed for newcomers to astronomy, the book explains what can be seen using the naked eye, binoculars or a telescope. In the book, professional astronomer Robin Scagell shows the novice astronomer where to look in the sky to see a particular object, or group of objects or sights. They may be a planet, its rings or satellites, a series of lunar craters, a constellation, asteroids, meteors, a nebula, galaxy or

star cluster, for example. He describes the object in detail and gives observing tips to improve viewing skills. Informative "Where to find it" instructions and "What you'll see" explanations for each object give night sky viewers an extra hand. A concise "fact file" is provided for each object, and readers can award themselves "points" for their skill in finding the object, with higher scores given for spotting the night sky's more elusive or hard-to-see features. The book is organized by season -- winter, spring, summer, fall -- with an opening section on "things you need to know," such as marker objects (for example, Sirius, the brightest star in winter's night sky) and how to use them to search beyond. It also covers such topics as asteroids and dwarf planets, noctilucent clouds, northern lights, the International Space Station, sunspots, eclipses and much more. *101 Objects to See in the Night Sky* is an ideal guide for astronomy novices and classrooms.

**City Astronomy** - Robin Scagell 1994

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

**The Night Sky Observer's Guide: Spring & summer** - George Robert Kepple 1998

**The Monthly Sky Guide** - Ian Ridpath 2012-12-10

The ninth edition of Ian Ridpath and Wil Tirion's famous guide to the night sky is updated with planet positions and forthcoming eclipses to the end of the year 2017. It contains twelve chapters describing the main sights

visible in each month of the year, providing an easy-to-use companion for anyone wanting to identify prominent stars, constellations, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies; to watch out for meteor showers ('shooting stars'); or to follow the movements of the four brightest planets, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Most of the sights described are visible to the naked eye and all are within reach of binoculars or a small telescope. This revised and updated edition includes sections on observing the Moon and the planets, with a comprehensive Moon map. The *Monthly Sky Guide* offers a clear and simple introduction to the skies of the northern hemisphere for beginners of all ages.

**Observing Variable Stars** - David H. Levy 1998-04-16

David Levy's entertaining, well-researched book is aimed at the amateur enthusiast who likes to learn enjoyably. Beginning with advice on binoculars and telescopes, and how to observe the night sky effectively, the author goes on to describe thoroughly the field of variable star observation, a field in which amateurs have made important contributions. He shows how to interpret variations in light output in terms of the life of a star, from birth through to sometimes violent death. All of the major variable stars are described and classified, as well as other variable objects such as active galaxies, asteroids, comets and the sun. The book also contains a guide to the seasonal night sky. Throughout, practical observations serve to complement the text, producing an exciting, very readable introduction to this fascinating subject.

**The Observer's Guide to Planetary Motion** - Dominic Ford 2014-06-30

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2014-05-14

To the naked eye, the most evident defining feature of the planets is their motion across the night sky. It was this motion that allowed ancient civilizations to single them out as different from fixed stars. "The Observer's Guide to Planetary Motion" takes each planet and its moons (if it has them) in turn and describes how the geometry of the Solar System gives rise to its observed motions. Although the motions of the planets may be described as simple elliptical orbits around the Sun, we have to observe them from a particular vantage point: the Earth, which spins daily on its axis and circles around the Sun each year. The motions of the planets as observed relative to this spinning observatory take on more complicated patterns. Periodically, objects become prominent in the night sky for a few weeks or months, while at other times they pass too close to the Sun to be observed. "The Observer's Guide to Planetary Motion" provides accurate tables of the best time for observing each planet, together with other notable events in their orbits, helping amateur astronomers plan when and what to observe. Uniquely each of the chapters includes extensive explanatory text, relating the events listed to the physical geometry of the Solar System. Along the way, many questions are answered: Why does Mars take over two years between apparitions (the times when it is visible from Earth) in the night sky, while Uranus and Neptune take almost exactly a year? Why do planets appear higher in the night sky when they're visible in the winter months? Why do Saturn's rings appear to open and close every 15 years? This book places seemingly disparate astronomical events into an understandable three-dimensional structure, enabling an appreciation that, for example, very good apparitions of Mars come

around roughly every 15 years and that those in 2018 and 2035 will be nearly as good as that seen in 2003. Events are listed for the time period 2010-2030 and in the case of rarer events (such as eclipses and apparitions of Mars) even longer time periods are covered. A short closing chapter describes the seasonal appearance of deep sky objects, which follow an annual cycle as a result of Earth's orbital motion around the Sun.

*The Deep Sky Observer's Guide* - Richard J. Bartlett  
2015-09-28

The Deep Sky Observer's Guide offers you the night sky at your fingertips. As an amateur astronomer, you want to know what's up tonight and you don't always have the time to plan ahead. Maybe the clouds have suddenly parted. Maybe you're at a star party. Maybe you want to challenge yourself with something new but don't know where to start. The Deep Sky Observer's Guide can solve these problems in a conveniently sized paperback that easily fits in your back pocket. Take it outside and let the guide suggest any one of over 1,300 deep sky objects, all visible with a small telescope and many accessible via binoculars. \* Multiple stars with 2" or more of separation \* Open clusters up to magnitude 9 \* Nebulae up to magnitude 10 \* Globular clusters up to magnitude 10 \* Planetary nebulae up to magnitude 12 \* Galaxies up to magnitude 12 \* Includes lists of deep sky objects for the entire sky with R.A. and declination for each and accompanying images for many Whether you use a GoTo or prefer to star hop, no matter where you live in the world and no matter what time of year or night, the Deep Sky Observer's Guide is the indispensable companion for every adventure among the stars.

The Night Sky Observers Guide - George Robert Kepple  
1998

Observer's Guide to Star Clusters - Mike Inglis

2013-07-20

Amateur astronomers of all expertise from beginner to experienced will find this a thorough star cluster atlas perfect for easy use at the telescope or through binoculars. It enables practical observers to locate the approximate positions of objects in the sky, organized by constellation. This book was specifically designed as an atlas and written for easy use in field conditions. The maps are in black-and-white so that they can be read by the light of a red LED observer's reading light. The clusters and their names/numbers are printed in bold black, against a "grayed-out" background of stars and constellation figures. To be used as a self-contained reference, the book provides the reader with detailed and up-to-date coverage of objects visible with small-, medium-, and large-aperture telescopes, and is equally useful for simple and computer-controlled telescopes. In practice, G0-T0 telescopes can usually locate clusters accurately enough to be seen in a low-magnification eyepiece, but this of course first requires that the observer knows what is visible in the sky at a given time and from a given location, so as to input a locatable object. This is where "The Observer's Guide to Star Clusters" steps in as an essential aid to finding star clusters to observe and an essential piece of equipment for all amateur astronomers.

*The Deep-Sky Observer's Year* - Paul Parsons 2012-12-06

Deep-sky observing is easily the most popular field for amateur astronomers. The big problem faced by non-professional observers is what to look at - what is visible at a particular time of year. The Deep-Sky Observers Year is a month-by-month guide to the best objects to view. Objects are given a "star rating"

according to how difficult they are to observe or image with a particular size of telescope. The book includes many images produced by amateur astronomers, as well as photographs from NASA, ESA, and ESO. There is background information about the objects, along with lots of useful tips, hints, and resources.

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**Deep-Sky Companions: The Caldwell Objects** - Stephen

James O'Meara 2016-09-26

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Herschel 400 Observing Guide - Steve O'Meara 2007-06-14  
Steve O'Meara's guide to the Herschel 400 for amateur astronomers.

**The Sky Observer's Guide** - R. Newton Mayall 2014-02-25  
This eBook is best viewed on a color device. Filled with practical information for the amateur astronomer, this Sky Observer's Golden Guide explains: -How to select and use binoculars and telescopes -How to best observe stars, the moon, planets, comets, meteors, and other celestial objects -How to use star charts Profusely illustrated with photographs, diagrams, charts, and tables, this guide is recommended by leading astronomers.

*The Night Sky* - Dennis Mammana 1993-03-01

A practical, easy-to-read stargazer's guide to the universe discusses observation techniques, how to use star maps, properly identifying stars, and choosing equipment, as well as presenting checklists, charts, sky maps, and a glossary of terms.

*Observer's Handbook* - Société royale d'astronomie du Canada 1992

**Uranometria 2000.0: Deep sky field guide** - 2001

**Orion** - Richard J. Bartlett 2016-08-02

The Orion Telescope Observer's Guide highlights over sixty interesting objects for budding amateur astronomers to find and observe in a small telescope. We'll help you explore objects such as star clusters, multiple stars, nebulae, and even the Andromeda Galaxy! Helpful maps of each target object are included, as are examples of what the object will look like in a typical finderscope, and depictions of the view you'll see in a telescope eyepiece. The author also includes a realistic description of every object based upon his own notes written over years of observations. Written with the beginner in mind, the Orion Telescope Observer's Guide also includes vital tips and tricks to help you get the most out of the rewarding hobby of amateur astronomy. If you're new to stargazing with a small telescope, this book is your introduction to the stars!

**Astronomy Hacks** - Robert Bruce Thompson 2005

Astronomy Hacks begins the space exploration by getting you set up with the right equipment for observing and admiring the stars in an urban setting. Along for the trip are first rate tips for making most of observations. The hacks show you how to: Dark-Adapt Your Notebook Computer. Choose the Best Binocular. Clean Your Eyepieces and Lenses Safely. Upgrade Your Optical Finder. Photograph the Stars with Basic Equipment.