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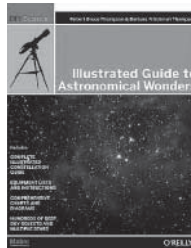


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Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders

*By Robert Bruce Thompson;
Barbara Fritchman Thompson
O'Reilly, \$29.99, 519 pages*

Ever look into the sky on a clear night and wonder about the stars, constellations, and other sky objects? Ever considered buying a telescope or using a pair of binoculars to get a closer look? The Thompson's *Illustrated Guide to Astronomical Wonders* is about to be your best friend. Good, high quality telescopes are affordable to almost anyone now, and with this guide, you'll have enough information to move you from interested newbie to experienced amateur in next to no time. The first sixty pages are a concise, helpful guide to everything you need to know to pick the right telescope, lenses, and eyepieces, how to use



your equipment, what the different space objects are, how they were formed, and how to find them. There are a number of helpful references to websites for more information, astronomy clubs, and other sky guides. The bulk of the book is chapter guides to the fifty constellations visible in the Northern Hemisphere. Objects within and around the constellations are listed, along with guides for finding them. The charts and pictures are in black and white, but still helpful as reference to users, who will be bouncing between the book and the eyepiece. This might be the best value astronomy guide currently on the market.