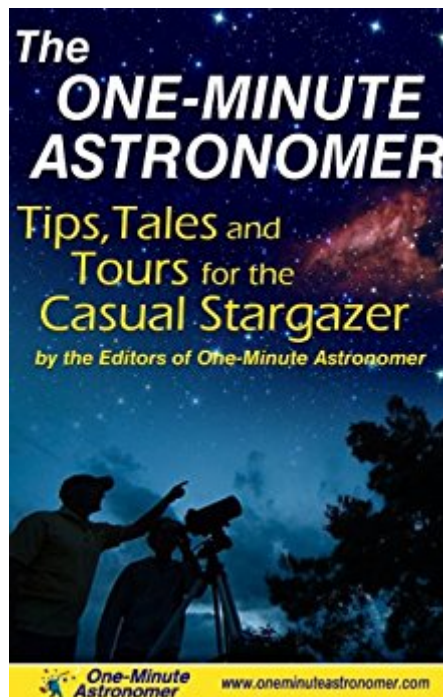




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The One-Minute Astronomer: Tips, Tales, And Tours For The Casual Stargazer



Synopsis

Here's some great reading for a cloudy night! a collection of more than 110 short and easy-to-read articles about stargazing, articles that will inform, inspire, and intrigue you, whether you're an experienced stargazer or a complete beginner. Most of these articles take just a minute or two to read and help you cultivate your fascination with the night sky. The first section, "Tips", includes ideas on how to choose and use telescopes and accessories, along with techniques to help you get the most out of whatever equipment you have, whether it's binoculars, a telescope, or simply your unaided eyes. The next section, "Tales", includes stories of intriguing astronomers both famous and obscure who made discoveries, sometimes in the face of formidable obstacles, that changed our understanding of the universe. The final sections, "Tours", include short visits to sights in the solar system and deep sky. Here you'll learn a little of the science of astronomy, along with the pleasure of seeing some of the most beautiful sights in nature. These articles are adapted from the popular website One-Minute Astronomer, a website that helps you challenge your intellect and imagination, and build your knowledge of the heavens one small step at a time.

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Customer Reviews

Full of useful tips and episode. Good for beginner and portable (or grab-and-go) telescope lover.

This book was great for laying out the nuts and bolts for stargazing. It had advice on choosing telescopes, eyepieces, filters, and astronomy resources. It had wonderful descriptions of constellations, stars, and deep sky objects. It contained a brief history of astronomers. I looked forward to reading it on nights when I was clouded or rained out. Highly recommended!!

Thanks

The book's a little gem. If you're a noob to astronomy (like me), get the book & enjoy the read. Then put it somewhere you can find it easily because you'll be going back to it again and again to remind yourself what he said! Like when you're shopping for binoculars or a telescope, he tells you exactly what you're looking for. Like when you're looking at the moon because you can't find the first star you want to see -- you'll have it in your hands because he tells you what's cool about the moon and probably the star you can't find, too. Yeah - get it. :)

Again it's what you get for a cheap priced book. Poor pictures with such low resolution done even though you are going to zoom it, even at its small size you can hardly make out any detail. Good reader for the beginner to get started in stargazing. Liked reading about the different tales in astronomy - I thought it was going to be stories about the stars and constellations, rather they were concerning tales in the field of Astronomy.

Perfect for the beginning to intermediate amateur astronomer. Written in easy to understand language with enough explanation of scientific principles to whet the appetite for more.

This has been an excellent resource for my first venture into stargazing. Many other publications are written with an assumption that you already have some level of knowledge. This one is a true "Beginners Manual"

Studied Astronomy in 1976 as elective in college. Plenty of changes since then. Used to be a binocular back-yard astronomer. Now old and handicapped and miss viewing the celestial sphere's objects. The book brought back good memories. If I win the lottery, I'll have an openable dome sky light built into my bedroom ceiling. A really good read!!!!

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