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Constellations: A Field Guide To The Night Sky



Synopsis

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.

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Customer Reviews

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This is an amazing book!

Great quality book w/ fantastic illustrations and descriptions of the constellations. I bought this as a "coffee table book" and I continuously find myself browsing its pages.

There is a sky map guide for each month both for the Northern and Southern hemisphere. The illustrations in the book are beautiful as well.

I love stargazing and this has been a great aid in identifying stars and constellations. I'm looking forward to clearer weather so I can identify more stars and constellations.

Quick delivery and great book. Thanks.

Nice book

I love it! The pictures are stunning, and it is really easy to use and follow. My husband and I will take it up to the mountains of Colorado to get away from the light pollution and really see the stars shine!

Excellent book! It has everything you could ever wonder, it has month by month picture drawings of what you should see in your night sky, for both the northern and Southern Hemisphere, and it explains the other planets and moon so clearly! I took off a star because it is made in China, which means it is obviously going to fall apart in the next 5 years, but it is worth it for the money!

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