

## Teach Yourself Star Gazing: A Resource Guide

This is a brief guide to books and materials you can use to get more involved with the night sky and astronomy. It is not comprehensive, but offers some well-regarded resources for beginners.

### Guides to the Constellations

Hewitt-White, Ken: *Patterns in the Sky: An Introduction to Star Gazing*. (2007, Sky Publishing)  
Rey, H.A.: *The Stars: A New Way to See Them* (1976, Houghton Mifflin) An introduction by the author of the “Curious George” books.

Ridpath, Ian & Wil Tirion: *The Monthly Sky Guide*, 7th ed. (2006, Cambridge University Press)

Rukl, Antonin: *The Constellation Guidebook*. (1999, Sterling)

### A Few Selected Observing Guides

Dickinson, Terence: *Nightwatch: A Practical Guide to Viewing the Universe*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (2006, Firefly Books)

Levy, David: *Skywatching* (1994, reprinted in 2007 by Fog City Press)

Moore, Patrick: *Exploring the Night Sky with Binoculars*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (2000, Cambridge University Press)

Moore, Patrick: *The Observer's Year: 366 Nights in the Universe*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed (2005, Springer)

O'Meara, Stephen: *Deep Sky Companions: The Messier Objects* (2000, Sky Publishing).

Pasachoff, Jay: *A Field Guide to the Stars and Planets*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (1999, Houghton Mifflin).

### Books on Telescopes and Instruments

Harrington, Philip *StarWare: The Amateur Astronomer's Guide to Choosing, Buying, and Using Telescopes and Accessories* (2007, Wiley)

Mullaney, James: *A Buyer's and User's Guide to Astronomical Telescopes & Binoculars* (2007, Springer)

Lodriguss, Jerry: *A Guide to Astrophotography with Digital SLR Cameras* (2006, Astropix)

Parker, Greg: *Making Beautiful Deep-Sky Images: Astrophotography with Affordable Equipment and Software* (2007, Springer)

### A Few Astronomy Books for Children

Fraknoi, Andrew: *The Wonderful World of Space* (2007, Disney Learning)

Kerrod, Robin & Giles Sparrow: *The Way the Universe Works* (2002, Dorling Kindersley)

Krupp, E.C.: *The Moon and You* (2000, Harper); *The Big Dipper and You* (1989, Morrow)

Matloff, Gregory: *Telescope Power: Activities and Projects for Young Astronomers* (1993, Wiley); *More Telescope Power* (2002, Wiley)

### Key Magazines

*Astronomy Magazine* -- colorful magazine for beginners.

*Sky & Telescope Magazine* -- includes introductory and more advanced articles.

*Sky News Magazine*: the Canadian magazine for astronomy hobbyists.

For much more information and other activities related to the sky, see the web site of the  
Astronomical Society of the Pacific: <http://www.astrosociety.org>

For more on the International Year of Astronomy and what is happening, visit  
<http://astronomy2009.us/>