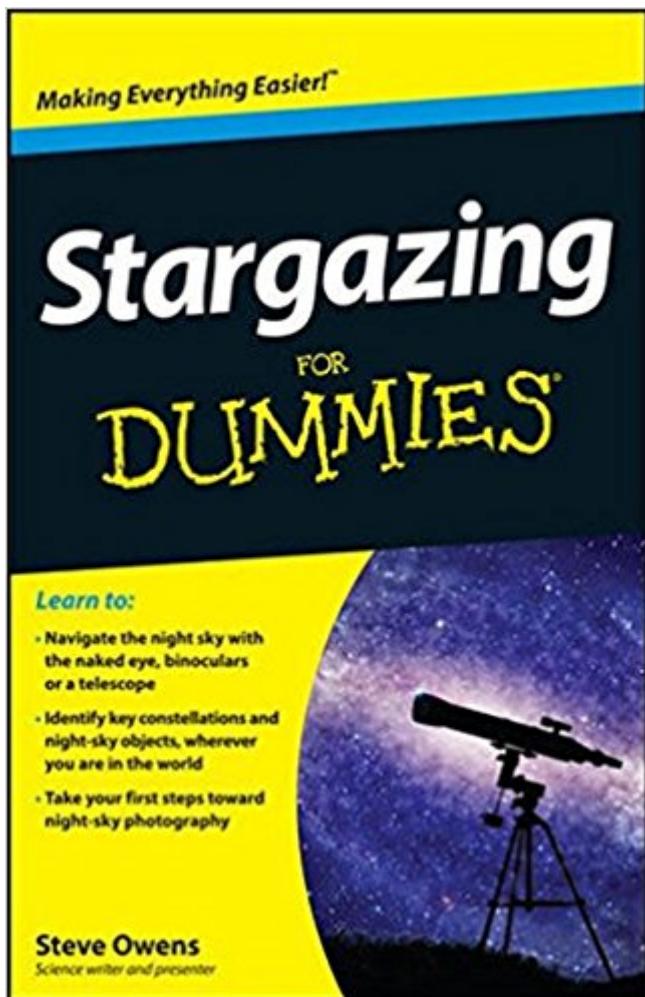


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# Stargazing For Dummies



## **Synopsis**

Reach for the stars Stargazing is the practice of observing the night sky and its contents - from constellations through to planets and galaxies. Stars and other night sky objects can be seen with the naked eye, or seen in greater numbers and in more detail with binoculars or a telescope. Stargazing For Dummies offers you the chance to explore the night sky, providing a detailed guide to the main constellations and also offering advice on viewing other night sky objects such as planets and nebulae. It's a great introduction to a fun new hobby, and even provides a fun way to get the kids outside while doing something educational! Gives you an introduction to looking at the sky with binoculars or a telescope Offers advice on photographing the night sky Without needing to get your head around mind-bending theories, you can take part in some practical physics If you're looking for easy-to-follow guidance on getting to know the night sky, Stargazing For Dummies has you covered.

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## **Customer Reviews**

In my opinion Stargazing for Dummies should be treated as an essential handbook by anyone interested in the night sky and kept very close to your window, (BBC Sky At Night Magazine, June 2013)

Learn to: Navigate the night sky with the naked eye, binoculars or a telescope Identify key constellations and night-sky objects, wherever you are in the world Take your first steps toward night-sky photography The fun, easy way to get into stargazing and start navigating the stars and planets &#150; right away! You don&#39;t need a degree in astrophysics to plumb the mysteries of the universe, and this book proves it. *Stargazing For Dummies* makes navigating the stars easy. From finding your way around our solar system to hunting for elusive deep-space objects, this book provides everything you need to get started on your journey through the cosmos. Meet the neighbours &#150; get to know the celestial neighbourhood, from the Moon and Venus to Orion and the Seven Sisters Peek into the private lives of stars &#150; learn the basic science of stars, such as what they&#39;re made of, the different types, how many there are, distances between them and more Magnify the magnificent &#150; learn about binoculars and various types of telescopes, how to buy them and how to use them to see farther into the cosmos Connect the dots &#150; learn how to recognise constellations and tell the difference between near stars, distant galaxies, globular clusters and nebulae Venture forth into the Cosmos &#150; using detailed illustrations you&#39;ll confidently navigate the stars as seen in different seasons in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres Open the book and find: Instructions on finding your way around the night sky with the naked eye A guide to buying a pair of binoculars or a telescope Tips for identifying key constellations Astronomy and astrophysics basics made easy The low-down on photographing stars Detailed illustrations for all the major constellations in both hemispheres

Finally Dummies has written a book for those of us not blessed with Astronomers as relatives or friends. I was able to take this book outside and actually recognize stars in the sky. The author clearly explains a system that tells you in what direction to look and how high to look. He tells you how to identify certain easily identifiable stars and constellations then branches out from there. He also tells about common mistakes Dummies make when buying a telescope or binoculars and what to really look for instead. Hint: It isn't the power of the telescope - it is how much light the telescope lets in. I had neither telescope or binoculars and was still able to identify stars from his instructions. The author also covers moon phases, satellites, what stars move, good websites, etc. For the first time in my life I looked at the sky in the evening and then the next morning and actually could tell that stars moved. I also found out that what I thought was the North Star was the DISH satellite and was able to locate the real North Star fairly easily.

I really enjoyed reading this book. The authors style was casual and engaging. His knowledge of the

material deep enough to be able to explain it so most anybody could understand. He differentiated what could be seen with small, medium and large scopes. This is especially useful for new stargazers who might not realize that the indistinct object they have in their view is what they were looking for. Highly recommended.

This book is for dummies and so assumes you know nothing. That was more or less the case with me so I found it a useful tome. Also I live in a (small) city and don't have a telescope. I imagine there is a whole lot to get out of this book if you've got access to a place without light pollution and a telescope but I was very satisfied with what I got out of it.

Full of useful and interesting tips, although I thought it could have gone a little deeper into some aspects, in particular I found it spends a lot of time on naked eye stargazing and not enough time on the use of telescopes. Saying that I don't think I would have had a clue where to start if I had not read this book first. If you're a complete beginner and a stargazing dummy like me, I do recommend this book.

It is helpful, but a little too thorough if you are somewhat knowledgeable about the subject. Excellent reference for the beginner/ novice or older kid. It is generally worth the purchase.

haven't read it yet but looks to be very useful when I'm ready for it.

Good, basic information. A great place to start

Bought this as part of a gift basket: almost wanted to keep it! Great way to make sense of the stars, and would be fun to have on lazy summer nights :)

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