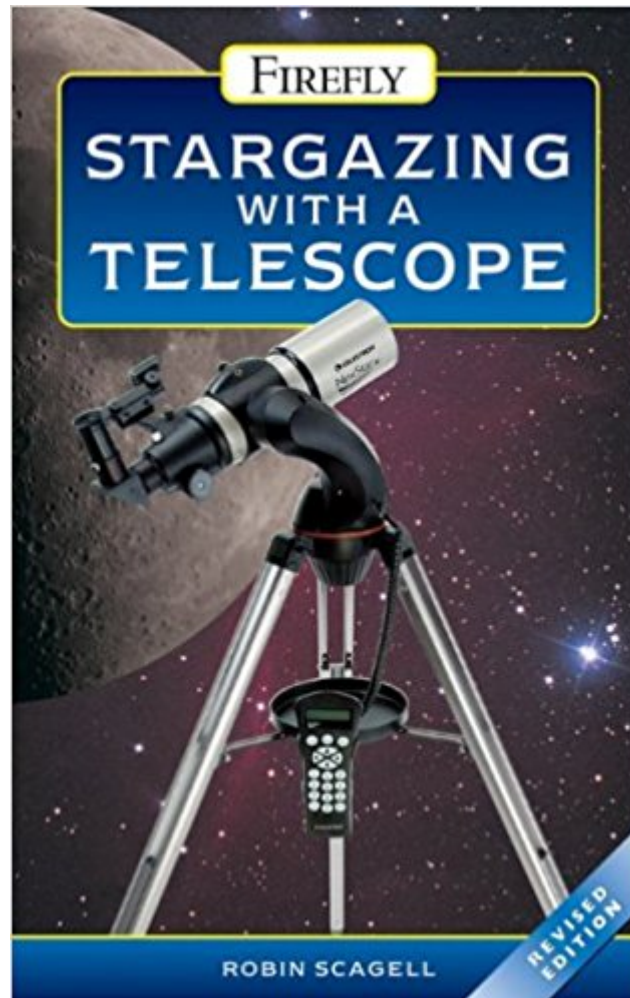




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Stargazing With A Telescope



Synopsis

Revised and updated. Buying a telescope is crucial for enhancing interest in astronomy. With so many choices, how does the beginner choose? Robin Scagell supplies the expert objective advice to making a smart purchase. *Stargazing With a Telescope* is a practical guide that demystifies the process of buying a telescope. The features and benefits of the different types of viewing instruments are evaluated in straightforward terms. The color illustrations help to clarify the choices. Equipment covered includes: Binoculars: a range of choices for astronomers at any level Refractors: classic telescopes that are easy to use and maintain Reflectors: sophisticated instruments that allow night sky photography Catadioptrics: compact telescopes that are gaining popularity. The book provides brand names and model numbers and the general advice applies to all brands, not just those covered. Lens size, focal lengths, focal ratios and much more is explained with clear diagrams and non-scientific text. Also covered are suitable accessories such as eyepieces, filters, mounts and supports, and suggestions for photography through the telescope, and choice of camera and film types. Useful tips are provided on setting up and using any telescope as well as a review of objects to look at with different sizes of telescope. There is also valuable advice on how to instantly spot misleading labels on low-end telescopes. These are often bought for young, aspiring astronomers who quickly become discouraged with the telescope's poor performance. *Stargazing With a Telescope* is a must for newcomers to astronomy whatever their age.

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Written for anyone contemplating purchasing a telescope as well as those who already own one but don't know how to use it properly... this pocket guide packs a lot of information into a concise, easy-to-read format. (Samantha Neukomm E-Stream)Because it stays focused, it succeeds. When you read Stargazing, you feel as though you have a friend who's helping you think about the world of telescopes. (Tony Flanders Sky and Telescope)A practical guide that demystifies the process of buying a telescope... valuable advice on how to instantly spot misleading labels on low-end telescopes. (Astronomical Society of the Pacific - Books of Not)

Robin Scagell, formerly the Vice-President of the Society for Popular Astronomy, is the author of six astronomy books.

When I started thinking (at age 60) of fulfilling my boyhood dreams of stargazing, this was one of the books I purchased, and I have no regrets. It's written extraordinarily well, and anticipates and addresses nearly all the questions a newbie who is thinking about getting a telescope would ask. Not only the text and the overall layout of the book, but also the backmatter, are extraordinarily helpful. My only gripe: In the introduction, the author states that the goal is not "to make assumptions about what [we] know already." That approach is fulfilled in about the first half of the book. Thereafter, that notion seems to have been forgotten, or at least was not articulated as well as it was in an earlier chapter. I'd recommend that the above would be fixed. I'd recommend that the next edition includes a glossary of common and pertinent terms. Nonetheless, a great book, a very helpful one; and the price is right.

A good read if just starting out or need a refresher.

Their mom said it was a great book! They got a telescope for Christmas, but didn't have anything to guide them. Hopefully this will do it for them.

This A Good Book For Those Just Getting Started, Easy to read and understand. I recommend this book to everyone.

I bought this for my star gazing hubby. He liked it so well it is dog eared now!

The book is well written with vital information for any amateur astronomer. I am glad for the purchase. It explains in detail many different types of telescopes, and shows how the earth and celestial spheres operate.

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