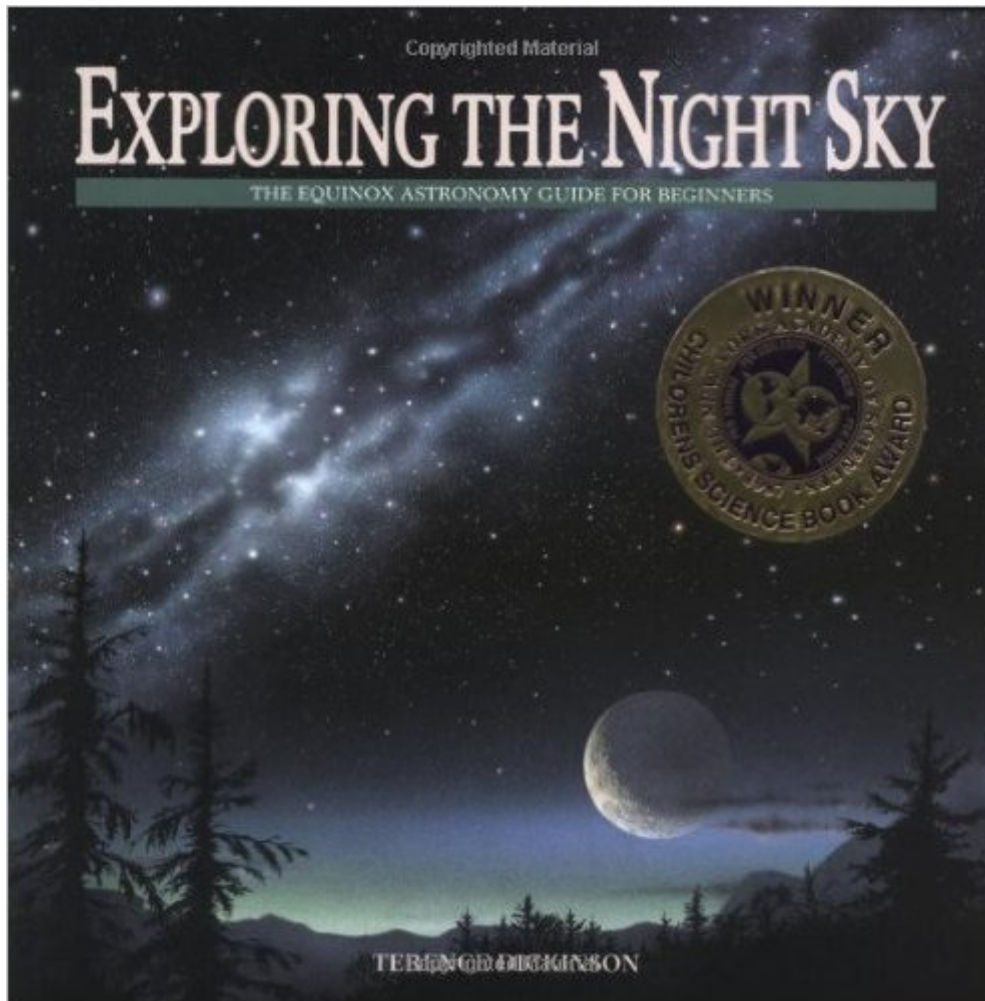


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Exploring The Night Sky: The Equinox Astronomy Guide For Beginners



Synopsis

Exploring the Night Sky is aimed at novice star gazers anxious to expand their astronomical repertoire beyond the Big and Little Dippers. Dickinson has designed a superb introduction to astronomy that is clear, concise, beautifully illustrated, and very "user friendly" no matter what the child's age.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This book is great for anyone who (like me) has never been able to figure out stars beyond the big dipper or to understand what are the relationships of scale between stars, galaxies, clusters, etc.... Adults (including me and my father, age 73) will enjoy this book as much as (probably even more) than children. Not only it contains celestial maps that make it easy to find the stars, but also it gives some extremely useful tricks for finding them (i.e. using your fist to estimate 10 degrees of arc). Finally, it gives some extremely well narrated and illustrated examples of relative astronomical dimensions, starting from the distance between the earth and the moon and ending with the distances between galaxies. Definitely the best first book to buy to get a clear idea what our universe is all about.

This wonderful book is the one that got me hooked onto astronomy when I was just an 8-year old

boy. Even though old (written c. 1986), it has not lost its charm and magic to me. The best part of this book is the beautifully rendered paintings of the night skies and other sights around the universe, which will leave you breathless and in awe of the majestic canvas of the skies. I give it a 2 thumbs up and many stars!

This book won the New York Academy of Sciences award for children's science literature. And with good reason. The pictures are out of this world. The constellation maps are the easiest to use out of any I have seen. If you are thinking about buying a telescope for your child, you may want to get this book first. It will help you make a decision about how to buy your first telescope, and ensure that your child knows what he or she is looking at.

This is a good introduction, and the pictures are great. However, it's dated now. "Jupiter will be below Pegasus in 1987". The stargazing sections give a useful, though basic, guide to the night sky for each season, taking the reader logically from one constellation to another. References to the locations of the planets span 1987 to 1999. Don't look to this book if you want to know where to see the planets tonight. Despite that, the book was worth buying as a first introduction to astronomy.

I thought this book would be much bigger, but it's only about 30 pages long. I had purchased it for my nieces as they are starting to get into astronomy with their father. It's written perfectly for them to understand and for their father to get deeper meaning from it. All in all, it's helped them with their star gazing.

What a fun book. The pictures are great and the facts in here are fun. It seems a bit outdated where it still lists Pluto as a planet...unless things have changed and Pluto's been upgraded back to planet. Great tips on how to find constellations.

This book for young adults is dated 2002 in my copy, reprinted in 2007. It is a nice introduction to the the solar system and constellations. It is a bit dated (Pluto is still a planet and it discusses where planets will be in the 2003-2007 range). I liked the illustrations and the facts were presented in easily digestible chunks. I wish it had been updated, but much has changed since it was published. Now where the planets might be on any given night is easily found on the internet or apps such as Sky Map. Still, I liked the background information and the great illustrations. It was well worth the reading. It is a solid 4.5 stars (because its age is starting to show), but I rounded it up to 5 stars

because the illustrations are so good.

I used to read this book as a child, and I still find it fascinating and informative as an adult. The illustrations are incredible, particularly the artist's renderings in the first section of the book, which takes a journey from our solar system to beyond our galaxy. The second section details the night sky during different seasons of the year. I highly recommend this book.

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