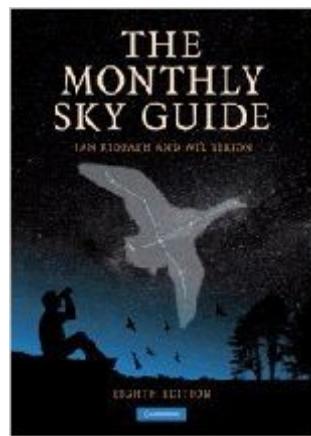


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# The Monthly Sky Guide



## Synopsis

This classic beginner's guide to the night sky has been updated with planet positions and forthcoming eclipses up to the end of the year 2014, a guide to observing the Moon, comprehensive Moon maps with labeled features, and information on observing the four brightest planets: Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. This eighth edition of Ian Ridpath and Wil Tirion's famous guide will appeal to astronomers of all ages. This book contains a chapter for every month, describing the prominent stars, constellations, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies that are visible. The 50 clear and easy-to-use maps provide a simple introduction to the skies of the northern hemisphere. Most of the sights are visible to the naked eye, and all are within reach of binoculars or a small telescope.

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When I started out in Astronomy, I began with a pair of 7 x 50 binoculars, and a sky map / guide. The bino's were Celestron Ultima, and the Sky Guide was this one - namely the Monthly Sky Guide.I really liked this as a resource, and I would take it outside with me when I was learning the constellations, and their position at different times of the year. What I like about this guide:- It shows the positions of the constellations at different times of the year.- It gives horizon grids, so you can account for what latitude you are at when observing- It shows the brighter stars by magnitude, so if observing in the city with a lot of sky glow, you can spot the higher magnitude stars- It has great information for the beginner, and history- It is easy to make out the constellations on the pages with a red light since the guide is good sized, and the sky maps are also good sized.I would recommend this as a resource for anyone starting out learning the sky - it is a great guide for both inside and outside use.Thanks for reading.

I use this before every observing session. I hope they publish one with dates beginning where this one leaves off. I have become very dependent on it as an alternative to subscribing to one of the

monthly astronomy mags.

it is a good item

Although I'm an experienced astronomer, this remains my first GoTo guide when planning the next month's calendar. And a great tool for a lesson planner to Outreach groups in schools and organizations. A good tool just to keep in your hip pocket (maybe it's a little big for that but hang onto it anyway). It won't cost you a fortune and it'll be useful for years.

I bought this book to add to my other star and planet guide books. It is a very functional book for constellations and the night sky. It also has good information about Planets and Meteor Showers through 2014. I believe this would be a good book for beginners also. If you are new to night sky gazing it might take a little practice to place in the sky what's on the page but just remember to keep yourself oriented with a reference point in the sky. The book is as if you are looking at it over your head with the sky above it. The book gives good History and information on a lot of the "main" constellations.

Very happy with seller. Bought upon my son's recommendation.

Excellent book, concise and very informative. Great pics and illustrations a must have especially for the beginner. I used it one night to compare to the sky I had and it was great, helped me find desire objects easily.

I bought this book for my nephew, to accompany him and his new telescope. He was more than thrilled with the experience, and I was thrilled with the layout of the book - it was easy for him to follow!

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