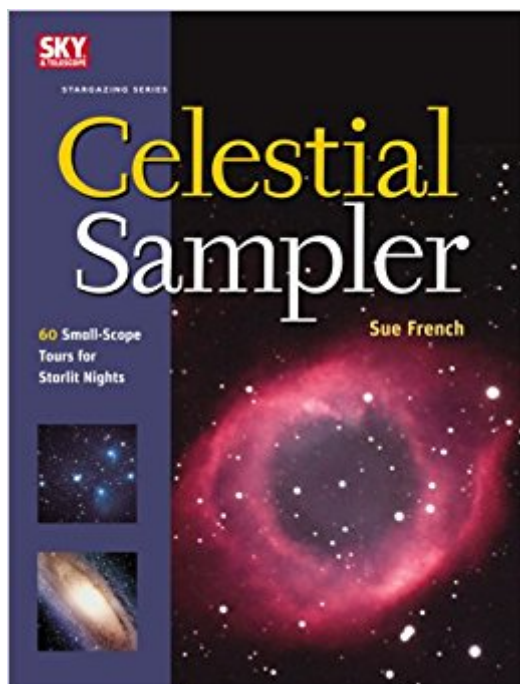


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Customer Reviews

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Most of the books for amateur astronomers are written for novice in this hobby. This one is written for those already having a telescope and looking for Deep Sky Objects for each month of the year. The hints are interesting and meaningful. Pros.: well written and useful Cons.: Could be written in smaller format - better to use at the telescope during the night,. It does not include any objects seen from the Southern Hemisphere. Overall very good handbook for intermediate or advanced amateurs.

I like this a lot, but it is just a "sampler." It will give you a nice variety of targets to find throughout the year, so it's good for the casual viewer. However, I've found that it works best if backed up with a comprehensive star atlas. When I use them both together I get a lot more out of my viewing sessions.

Although I subscribe to Sky & Telescope magazine and therefore read the author's monthly "Deep-Sky Wonders" articles, I found that her book covers the celestial objects that I missed while

not a subscriber. Her references to the use of variously-sized amateur telescopes and the degree-sized areas of the sky that they cover, is very helpful (some amateurs don't know how to use right ascension and declination circles), especially for binocular users. Highly recommended!

As previous reviewers said, this is an excellent book. I like the fact that the maps and texts for each monthly article fit nicely on two pages. Descriptions of each object and how to get there are clearly explained and extremely helpful. Both the beginner and the experienced observer will find this book useful in the field, as well as your favorite reading chair. Enjoy!

I recently got a telescope and purchased several books to help me get started viewing the night sky. This book is the one that I use the most. I find the information it contains very useful and the star hopping is a great help in locating objects that I want to view.

I like the columns. I travel frequently. A comfortably sized easy guide for binoculars seemed the right thing. When your child asks for a telescope, this would be one of the two books to accompany that first optical instrument.

This is an excellent beginner's or intermediate's guide for astronomy. It has very helpful star hopping information as well as information about the stars/clusters, etc.

I really enjoy Sue's monthly column in S&T - this collection is great! Well laid out, and much easier to use without the ads S&T spaces in the monthly articles =-) Her style, prose, and eagle eyes are unparalleled - you'll enjoy this book and her star tours!

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