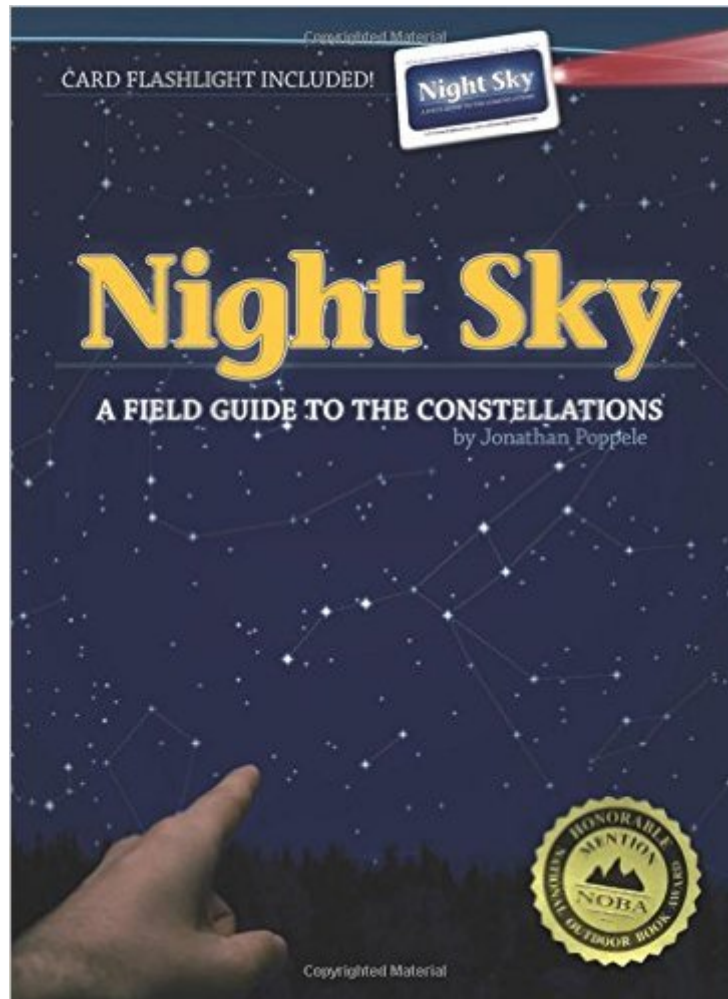


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# Night Sky: A Field Guide To The Constellations



## Synopsis

Stargazing is among the most peaceful and inspiring outdoor activities. *Night Sky*, the award-winning book by Jonathan Poppele, makes it more fun than ever! Take a simple approach to finding 62 constellations by focusing on one constellation at a time, instead of attempting to study dizzying charts. Start with the easy-to-find constellations during each season and work toward the more difficult ones. Better yet, you'll learn how to locate any constellation in relation to the Big Dipper, the North Star and the top of the sky. With two ways to locate each constellation, you'll know where in the sky to look and what to look for! Along the way, you'll be introduced to mythology, facts and tidbits, as well as details about the planets, solar system and more! As an added bonus, the book comes with a red-light flashlight for night reading.

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## Customer Reviews

This book provides a terrific introduction to star gazing and is the right size to take along while you are out looking at the night sky (even comes with a flash light). Not only does it help readers to locate constellations in the sky in an easy to follow way, but it also provides lots of interesting information about their history in nice small doses that help the reader appreciate how long humans have been fascinated by and drawn to the stars. Reading about the constellations while finding them in the night sky, this field guide helps one to feel a connection to the people from ancient times who mapped out the constellations we can still identify today. And it does this without overburdening the reader. You don't need and probably don't want an Astronomy text book to learn a bit more about the stars. This book is more like the Cliff Notes to the stars that you always wanted. It is also a very

practical and well organized book. It offers different approaches to finding the stars and constellations, because, well, people are different and this way there will probably be an approach that works well for you. I am stocking up on the book and the cards (sold separately) to give to my 14 year old nephew who lives in the desert in California and my 50+ year old brother-in-law who lives in rural Western Mass.

This is the only book I own about the stars and I have found it to be very informative and easy to use. This book is good for finding those stars and constellations that I used to see and wonder about. Now I can easily figure out what I am looking at. There is also interesting information about how the stars and constellations were named and other historical background information. The book itself is not large, perfect for bringing outside with you; this book is built to be used. Sturdy paperback binding/cover and sturdy pages leads me to believe that I will probably be enjoying this book for a long time. The book comes with a flat red light contained in a pouch inside the back cover, which is handy but if you are going to be using it a lot, I would suggest getting a better light. In conclusion, if you don't have anything else and you are not sure whether this book is worth it, buy it! I don't think you will be disappointed.

Outstanding book for a beginner (and more advanced people too) attempting to learn the constellations. By arranging the constellations by season and also in order of difficulty of identifying, the author has made it very easy for a novice to improve his/her skills. The small size makes it convenient to take out in the field. For those wanted more scientific information, they could easily combine this book with the DK book *The Practical Astronomer* by Will Gater and Anton Vamplew which would probably give the average person all the technical astronomy knowledge they want. There is also a lot of additional supplementary information in the back which makes the book that much more valuable. I wish I had had this book when I first started learning constellations. It would have made the job much simpler. This is the best book I have read for the purpose (and I have read a number) and if there were a rating above 5 I would use it. .

Superb guide, excellent research, fun, easy, highly educational. For nerds, geeks, and beginners. Useful, useful, useful. Sturdy, compact, easy to use. Many ways to look stuff up. Has all you could wish for in terms of actual viewing and also the stories and science that go so well with astronomy.

Easy to understand and look up stars or constellations. The light provided is red so that you do not ruin your night vision when checking your book against the sky. The light is flat so it fits nicely in the pocket in the back of the book. A fun book to take camping, etc.

I'm a star show presenter at a planetarium in Sunset Beach, NC. The gift shop sells many excellent star-guide materials. The Night Sky by Poppele is one that I purchased at the planetarium as a fun read. For those looking for help finding constellations and stars associated with them | this is great beginner guide. The material is simple to use. I like that. I like the approach the author uses to explain the stories behind the constellations. It reads a bit like a soap opera, which is both fun and informative.

I bought this book for a friend, because I have the same one at home, and i love it! I have had so fun using it, and reference it often.

'Night sky' is clear and portable - Great for taking outside and looking up at the stars. It has lots of little tips; where to look, when, etc. and is well organized. It even comes with a tiny flashlight. Recommended.

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