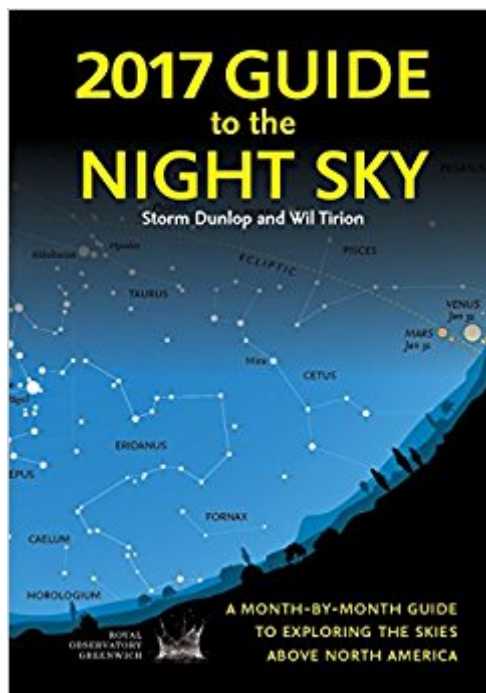




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2017 Guide To The Night Sky: A Month-by-month Guide To Exploring The Skies Above North America



Synopsis

On August 21, 2017, North Americans will have the opportunity to witness a momentous sky event. A total eclipse of the Sun will be visible from within a narrow corridor that traverses the United States. The path of the Moon's umbral shadow will begin in the northern Pacific and cross the USA from west to east from Oregon to South Carolina. The Moon's penumbral shadow will produce a partial eclipse visible from most of North America. In fact, the 2017 full eclipse is such an important sky event that sky watchers in Europe are already planning trips to view it. 2017 Guide to the Night Sky provides all of the information needed to view this exciting eclipse and track its path. The time zones and transit of the eclipse will be noted inside the book's jacket for quick and easy reference. The night sky makes for exciting viewing any time of the year, and 2017 Guide to the Night Sky is the ideal guide to help amateur astronomers find their way for the entire 12 months. With monthly charts and other diagrams set for a latitude of 40 degrees North, it shows how the visible stars change from month to month and includes the many sky events that occur throughout the year. It is highly practical for beginning sky gazers because the objects and events may be observed with the naked eye, or nothing more complicated than a pair of binoculars. The month-by-month guides include sky activity charts and moon calendars; meteors (with dates of showers, including hourly rate of radiants); the Planets; ecliptic charts; diagrams of interesting events; plus sky and constellation maps throughout. An appendix includes a full glossary; the Greek Alphabet; the constellation genitives, abbreviations and English names; a table of common asterisms; further information; recommended astronomy journals, societies, institutions and organizations; software, and internet sources. Especially useful for beginning sky watchers, this guide will be fully updated to 2017. Its small and light format makes it the ideal portable reference for backyard astronomers.

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This book is recommended for amateur astronomers, as well as school and public libraries.
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Storm Dunlop is an author and translator, working mainly on material in the physical sciences and technology. Wil Tirion has been an uranographer (star-map maker) since 1977. His first star maps were published by the British Astronomical Association, and he has since contributed maps to numerous books and atlases. He is a recipient of the Dr. J. van der Bilt Prize awarded to weather and astronomy amateurs and in 1993 the International Astronomical Union named an asteroid after him.

Great book. Saves time downloading monthly sky maps. Includes monthly charts and the many sky events that occur throughout the year (e.g., moon calendars; meteors showers; the planets; ecliptic charts; diagrams of interesting events; plus sky and constellation maps throughout). I hope they produce one of these every year for North America. One improvement would be a spiral bound version. This would make the book much easier to use in the field.

This little book is chocked full of info for the beginning amateur astronomer. This 2017 edition also includes the complete track of the upcoming August 2017 solar eclipse, across the breadth of the U.S., from Charleston SC to Portland OR.

I work with cadets as an Aerospace Education Officer with the Civil Air Patrol. This book is great for celestial observations. With this book I know what to look for ahead of time, and can make great lesson plans. An excellent reference.

Amazing book for starters. It is well written and covers all your bases on what to search for on particular months. I find that the constellations to be very easy to learn after reading this. Also, it gives me a reason to go outside on particular nights of the month to search for stars and objects.

A great book to have when looking at the night sky. Thank's

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Great book. Very helpful.

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