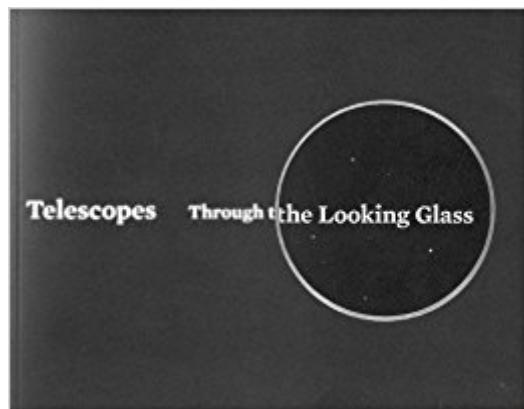


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# Telescopes: Through The Looking Glass



## Synopsis

Through the Looking Glass celebrates the telescope's 400th anniversary.

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This is the book from an exhibition at the Adler Planetarium. Although it follows the history of the development of the telescope, at least through the nineteenth century, it is more a book on the art of the telescope than the science of the telescope. Even the section on the development of the telescope is more about people and impressive-looking instruments than about the technical evolution of the telescope. Which is not a bad thing. I enjoyed the book and am glad I bought it. But the potential buyer should understand what this book is, and what it isn't. If you enjoy admiring the craft and artistry of old telescopes, jump on it. On the other hand, if you want an easy to read introduction more focused on the broad development of telescope rather than examples in an exhibit, consider *The Telescope: A Short History*. Although I generally liked the layout with the picture of the item from the exhibition on the right, faced on the left with the text about the item, one gimmick put me off a little. The chapter headings and numbers are printed to look out of focus, although becoming less so as the book progresses. Too cute by half.

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