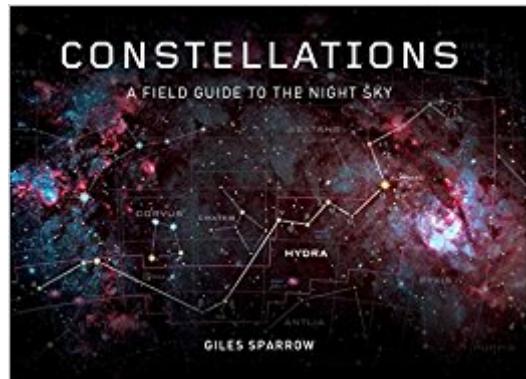


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# Constellations: A Field Guide To The Night Sky



## Synopsis

Constellations is a guide to the night sky that focuses on these 88 distinctive patterns, revealing their often intriguing stories—their origins, mythology, present-day significance, and the multitude of wondrous objects they contain. Complete with over 300 of the best astronomical images ever captured, a comprehensive introduction to the stars and other celestial phenomena, and a series of newly commissioned, state-of-the-art maps showing the stars that are visible from populated latitudes in both hemispheres throughout the year, this magnificent guide has all you need to know to become an expert stargazer. Step outside on a clear night, and the number of stars in the night sky can be overwhelming. Take a pair of binoculars or a small telescope with you, and a celestial vista of star clusters and clouds, knots of gas and dust, nearby planets and distant galaxies is revealed. Since ancient times, stargazers have made sense of the night sky by grouping its stars into constellations—star patterns that often have symbolic or mythological meanings.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm an amateur stargazer and I love the constellations. I had to have this :) This book lists all the 88 constellations, including their mythology background and main stars. In the end of the book, there is a sky map guide for each month both for the Northern and Southern hemisphere. The illustrations in the book are beautiful as well.

I love it! The pictures are stunning, and it is really easy to use and follow. My husband and I will take

it up to the mountains of Colorado to get away from the light pollution and really see the stars shine!

Excellent book! It has everything you could ever wonder, it has month by month picture drawings of what you should see in you night sky, for both the northern and Southern Hemisphere, and it explains the other planets and moon so clearly! I took of a star because it is made in china, which means it is obviously going to fall apart in the next 5 years, but it is worth it for the money!

Great book! I purchased for my 9 year old daughter. It is well beyond her current comprehension but I'm hopeful this will be a resource she has for years to come. Chock full of beautiful pictures!

Beautiful and thoughtfully organized for an introduction to the night sky and/or general reference. I wish some of the 'star lore' and etymology was cited for further reading.

nicely colorized but hard to read.. pages are too black.. need to be lighter grey..good coverage of the constellatons. need a dvd with book pages displaed for computer use

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