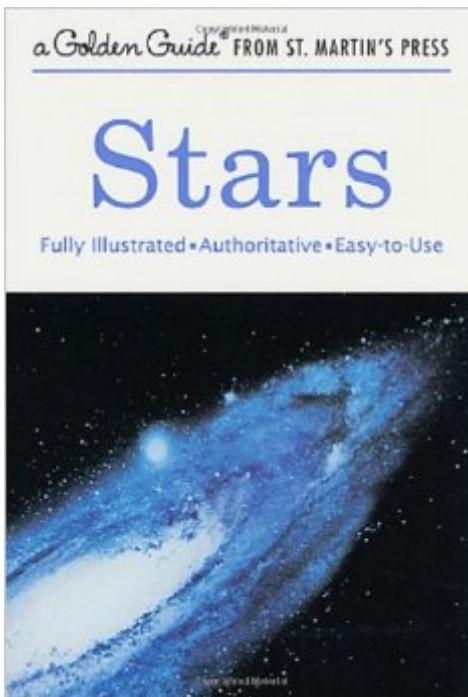


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## Customer Reviews

This book is an excellent starter book on stars. I received it as a kid and I've held onto my first copy of this book for 30 years! It finally wore out and I ordered an updated version. I live in New Hampshire and we have a great night sky. I use this book as a quick reference guide to see what constellations are in the sky now. Also, the pictures in the book make it easy to "see" what the constellation looks like. This book is not good for tracking planets - where they are, when. That's more advanced than this book is. This book is an excellent primer.

Stars: A Guide To The Constellations May 1, 2016 My mother gave me this book by Herbert Zim and Robert H. Baker when I began learning the constellations. It is a great starting point. The Perseid meteor shower was of particular interest to me in the 1960s. Zim and Baker devote 4 pages to space debris including a picture of Arizona's Meteor Crater, which I saw in 1979. It was 1981 before I learned the moon's features using my telescope. Zim and Baker's moon chart is confusing, but their pages about solar eclipses remain relevant. There will be a total solar eclipse visible from the

United States on August 21, 2017. The path of totality will enter the U.S. in Oregon and make its way to South Carolina, where it will go into the Atlantic Ocean. There will be an eclipse-mania as E-Day approaches. This book is most useful in teaching beginners the most famous constellations: Ursa Major (Big Dipper), Orion and Scorpius. There is an illustration depicting the southern constellations, which I saw in Australia in 2002 and again in Bolivia in 2012. It was the romance of the stars which initially captivated me, looking up on a summer night with my favorite songs running through my head.

I've had this book in paperback for many years and wanted a more permanent hardcover for my library. It's a great book for beginners and more advanced stargazers. I especially like the meteor shower calendar and star charts for each season. The descriptions of the constellations are very nice, too.

Remember when Saturn had only 9 known satellites, and was the only planet known to have rings? Beginning in 2nd grade (in the late 1960s), I became interested in Science, especially Astronomy. This was the first book about Astronomy that I ever owned. It made me happy to see a copy available for a reasonable price, so I purchased the book and when I held it in my hand it was almost like meeting a old friend I hadn't seen in years. This edition of the book is out of date, of course, but I've purchased the latest edition for my children. Much of the artwork remains the same in the latest edition, while the technical information was last updated about a decade ago. But the most important part of the book, the drawings of the constellations and seasonal views of the sky, remain the same as in the classic edition. Other childhood friends of mine prefered some of the other Golden Nature Guides, but Stars was and still is my favorite book in this popular series.

I found this book in my parents book collection when I was in the second grade. By the third grade I had it memorized. Fifteen years later, I completed my physics degree. I don't know what happened to the first book I had, but I'm sure it was published in the 1950's. I'm also sure that the book is horribly out of date. So what? It's not a reference guide, ok, maybe it is, but not something you are going to use for research. I always remember this book as my introduction into the planets and am buying for nostalgia purposes (I did the 'look inside' and it's the same book) And while astronomy is not my field, I have been lucky enough to work or consult on a few space probes (Mars Observer, Juno and others). This book has paid for itself ten thousand fold.

Not up-to-date at all, but that doesn't matter one bit. I loved this book as a child, and it is one of many that were lost over many years and many moves. To have it again, even as a Kindle release, is unfettered joy.

I believe I got my first Stars Golden Nature Guide at the age of 12—well over half a century ago. I learned the constellations and developed a lifelong interest in astronomy in no small part due to this guide, of which I have had several well worn copies over the decades. It is a perfect springboard to a fascinating world, clear and concise, a perfect celestial roadmap with relevant supporting text. My grandchildren were the recipients of the (updated) guides a year ago, and also have a budding interest in astronomy. Last week while visiting Yosemite National Park, I saw this guide at the Visitor's center...and, of course, bought another one.

My husband has an old copy of this book which is falling apart from use. The grandchildren enjoy the book so we bought copies of the book for two of them. One has received his copy and was thrilled with it.

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