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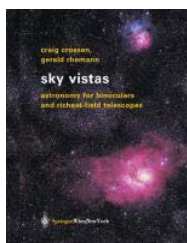
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Sky vistas : astronomy for binoculars and richest-field telescopes



Crossen, Craig. by Craig Crossen and Gerald Rhemann Springer, 2004

279p, 3211008519 \$69.95

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Among the dozens of books for amateur astronomers, this one by Crossen and Rhemann, both amateur astronomers, stands out as one of the most thoughtful and attractive. It is written around the spectacular photographs of celestial objects made by Rhemann, collected here for the first time. Crossen briefly discusses each photo, describes where to find the field in the sky, and offers a perspective on the objects pictured relative to the sun in space. What really makes this book unique is its focus on the many low-brightness extended objects such as nebulas and galaxies that can only be seen with wide-field low-magnification optics like binoculars or richest-field telescopes at a dark sky site. Only a smattering of traditional material on planets, binary stars, and clusters can be found here. Ignoring its special focus, this book is something like a glossy-paper quality-photograph version of *Burnham's Celestial Handbook* (rev. and enl. ed., 1978; v.3, CH, Dec'79). It will be much appreciated by any armchair or telescope-toting amateur astronomer. Also, it is beautiful and accessible enough to interest anyone with even a casual interest in the wonders of the night sky.

Summing Up: Highly recommended. General readers; lower- and upper-division undergraduates.

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