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,2007 Fireside Astronomy Patrick Moore,1993-12-28 Celebrated astronomer and television presenter Patrick Moore leads you through the realms of astronomy and space in his own unique style With more than one hundred informative and entertaining essays the anecdotal nature of each one makes this book easy to dip into at random Fully illustrated throughout in colour and black and white Fireside Astronomy will make a worthy companion for the enthusiast on many a clear or cloudy night It includes the most recent developments discoveries and missions from the Hubble Space Telescope to the Halley's Comet fly by Where is the Sea of Serenity When is a star not a star How should you greet an alien The answers to these questions and many more can be found inside Sometimes bizarre always entertaining Fireside Astronomy will both enlighten and inspire *Science for All* Peter J. Bowler,2009-10-15 Recent scholarship has revealed that pioneering Victorian scientists endeavored through voluminous writing to raise public interest in science and its implications But it has generally been assumed that once science became a profession around the turn of the century this new generation of scientists turned its collective back on public outreach *Science for All* debunks this apocryphal notion Peter J Bowler surveys the books serial works magazines and newspapers published between 1900 and the outbreak of World War II to show that practicing scientists were very active in writing about their work for a general readership *Science for All* argues that the social environment of early twentieth century Britain created a substantial market for science books and magazines aimed at those who had benefited from better secondary education but could not access higher learning Scientists found it easy and profitable to write for this audience Bowler reveals and because their work was seen as educational they faced no hostility from their peers But when admission to colleges and universities became more accessible in the 1960s this market diminished and professional scientists began to lose interest in writing at the nonspecialist level Eagerly anticipated by scholars of scientific engagement throughout the ages *Science for All* sheds light on our own era and the continuing tension

between science and public understanding **Losing The Sky** Andy Lawrence, 2021-02-08 The threat to the sky from satellite mega constellations why it matters and what we can do about it From the foreword by Brian May Professor Lawrence in this timely book tackles an issue which is about to become highly contentious around the world This book will hopefully spark enough discussion to put the brakes on this destruction of our dark skies From Dava Sobel author Longitude and The Glass Universe At the beginning of this essential book Andy Lawrence shares dark sky memories in which even a car breakdown on a deserted road turns magical and formative when the stars appear Let there be dark From Dave Eicher editor in chief of Astronomy Magazine Professor Lawrence's book ought to be required reading for every astronomer and astronomy enthusiast who values the starry sky and what might happen to it in future times From Mark McCaughrean Senior Science Adviser European Space Agency As commercial developers flood low Earth orbit with satellites to exploit the demand for more movie streaming videoconferencing low latency gaming and high speed trading what's the real cost From Pippa Goldschmidt author of The Falling Sky and The Need for Better Regulation of Outer Space An important book about an important subject Professor Andy Lawrence explains how obliteration of our view of the heavens by the next generation of communications satellites is akin to destruction of the Earth's natural habitats From John A Murray author or editor of 45 nature books including Wild Africa A Republic of Rivers and The Islands and The Sea Simply put this remarkable book should be in all libraries public or private that aspire to be complete on the subjects of science and technology Working together people around the planet inspired by this eloquent and passionate book can put an end to the madness and folly of artificial constellations **Astronomy Communication** Andre Heck, C. Madsen, 2013-03-14

Astronomy has always been one of the easiest of the sciences to convey to the public That is partly because it produces spectacular pictures that can be explained at least in part and admired partly because understanding of astronomy usually does not depend upon a knowledge of a complex classification system or esoteric terminology and partly because its extremes in distances and times challenge our imagination and philosophies Most scientists enjoy sharing with others the discoveries made by themselves and their colleagues The primary purpose of scientific research is to discover to learn and to understand When we succeed we enjoy sharing that understanding Education is most pleasurable when our audience wishes to learn and we have something important to convey A field that does not communicate effectively with the public soon loses its interest and support Author Andre Heck explains the many different ways in which professional communication now occurs while Leslie Sage explains how such communication should be done Astronomy done with spacecraft and large equipment is very expensive and the funds for those ultimately come from the public The cost of astronomy prorated over the number of research astronomers is perhaps the highest in all the sciences If astronomers do not share their results with the public they will lose its support However for most astronomers the desire to share and educate dominates over the pragmatic need to win public support With the advent of new communication techniques television videos CDs DVDs animation simulations we

have new methods to communicate in addition to the conventional ones of the printed and spoken word **Extraterrestrial Archaeology** David Hatcher Childress, 2000 Occasionally reissued with the same ISBN but with slightly differing bibliographical details **Information Handling in Astronomy** Andre Heck, 2012-12-06 The pilot boat just moved away and its lights are already fading towards the coast of Northeastern Queensland over which Saturn is going to set There is still quite some time to go before dawn The big ship has now regained her cruise speed following its roughly northwesterly route in the South Coral Sea along the chain of nearby reefs Few people are around at this time except a dozen early birds sharing some shipshaping exercise on the top deck and taking advantage of the relative coolness of the night On my way down to the stateroom I cannot but stop once more in front of that elegant composition by British artist Brigid Collins 1963 hanging in the monumental staircase between Decks 7 and 8 That piece 2 of art a 1 8x 1 8m oil on canvas plus collage entitled Berlin in honour of the Danish explorer gathers together many navigation related themes of the time Suns Moons planets sky maps astrolabes small telescopes as well as drawings diagrams and charts of all kinds It is somehow a digest of how astronomical information was then collected made available and used *Meadowlark Economics* James Eggert, Jim Eggert, 2009 Alarmed by the disappearance of meadowlarks from the fields near his home James Eggert embarked on a close study of the economic and ecological factors behind the loss His inquiry led him to conclude that the meadowlark's survival is a metaphor for ours that our future is intimately linked to the same interplay of economics culture technology and spirituality In this innovative educational book Eggert helps readers understand how our environment is connected to in fact a vital part of our economy and business culture In the title essay Eggert critiques free market capitalism borrowing from Thoreau as he investigates what he calls meadowlark values in education and business The author highlights the preciousness of the Earth itself and persuasively describes the creative possibilities in using science culture evolutionary history and spiritual traditions to gain a deeper understanding of how we might heal the planet A foreword by environmentalist Bill McKibben and an afterword by renowned Buddhist thinker Thich Nhat Hahn add context to this authoritative supplement to current economics texts

Celestial Shadows John Westfall, William Sheehan, 2014-11-19 Much of what is known about the universe came from the study of celestial shadows This book looks in detail at the way eclipses and other celestial shadows have given us amazing insights into the nature of the objects in our solar system and how they are even helping us discover and analyze planets that orbit stars other than our Sun A variety of eclipses transits and occultations of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn Pluto and its satellite Charon asteroids and stars have helped astronomers to work out their dimensions structures and shapes even the existence of atmospheres and structures of exoplanets Long before Columbus set out to reach the Far East by sailing West the curved shadow of the Earth on the Moon during a lunar eclipse revealed that we inhabit a round world a globe More recently comparisons of the sunlit and Earthlit parts of the Moon have been used to determine changes in the Earth's brightness as a way of monitoring possible effects in cloud coverage which may be related to global warming Shadows were

used by the Greek mathematician Eratosthenes to work out the first estimate of the circumference of the Earth by Galileo to measure the heights of the lunar mountains and by eighteenth century astronomers to determine the scale of the Solar System itself Some of the rarest and most wonderful shadows of all are those cast onto Earth by the lovely Evening Star Venus as it goes between the Earth and the Sun These majestic transits of Venus occur at most two in a century after the 2012 transit there is not a chance to observe this phenomenon until 2117 while the more common sweep of a total solar eclipse creates one of the most dramatic and awe inspiring events of nature Though it may have once been a source of consternation or dread solar eclipses now lead thousands of amateur astronomers and eclipse chasers to travel the globe in order to experience the dramatic view under totality These phenomena are among the most spectacular available to observers and are given their full due in Westfall and Sheehan s comprehensive study [How Cosmologists Explain the Universe to Friends and Family](#) Karim A. Malik,David R. Matavers,2019-11-21 This fascinating book provides an accessible and up to date overview of modern cosmology In particular the book discusses the formation of the Cosmic Microwave Background and the evolution of large scale structures in the universe the distribution of galaxies and clusters of galaxies on very large distance scales Following a brief introduction the authors describe the scientific method how science is done They then discuss observational cosmology the instruments and what observations can be done with them and what is derived from those observations After discussing the constituents of the universe including dark matter and dark energy the authors provide an outline of the forces that shape the universe with particular emphasis on gravitation Following this the reader is taken on a journey in time from the present day back to the very beginning of the universe a period called inflation which sets the initial conditions for the subsequent evolution of the universe The book ends with a brief chapter on what lies beyond Written by two experts the book is aimed at the interested lay person with little or no physics background but an interest in modern cosmology **The Future of Small Telescopes in the New Millennium** Terry D. Oswalt,2012-12-06 The motivation for these volumes is to provide a vision for the future of small telescopes While this is an admirable task ultimately I believe that as happens all the time in science the prognostications will be overtaken by a rapidly changing scientific reality As Virginia Trimble points out in chapter 1 the kinds of big questions that face us as astronomers today are rather different than the ones that drove the construction of astronomical facilities through much of the twentieth century Right now it appears that small telescopes will not have a lot of influence in answering those questions though they will of course contribute enormously to the many issues discussed throughout the three volumes We are on the verge of opening a whole new parameter space that may revolutionize the way we think of small telescopes and their role in astronomy the domain of the rapidly variable sky While the LSST is the most prominent example it is a long way in the future Nemiroff Rafert chapter 2 consider the value of monitoring large parts of the sky on a continuous basis using technology similar to a webcam They have installed their CONCAM2 at four locations including Kitt Peak A related project built and operated by the Harvard

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