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Digital SLR Astrophotography

Cambridge University Press In the last few years, digital SLR cameras have taken the astrophotography world by storm. It is now easier to photograph the stars than ever before! They are compact and portable, flexible to adapt with different lenses and for telescope use, and above all DSLR cameras are easy and enjoyable to use. In this concise guide, experienced astrophotography expert Michael Covington outlines the simple, enduring basics that will enable you to get started, and help you get the most from your equipment. He covers a wide selection of equipment, simple and advanced projects, technical considerations and image processing techniques. Unlike other astrophotography books, this one focuses specifically on DSLR cameras, not astronomical CCDs, non-DSLR digital cameras, or film. This guide is ideal for astrophotographers who wish to develop their skills using DSLR cameras and as a friendly introduction to amateur astronomers or photographers curious about photographing the night sky.

Digital Astrophotography

A Guide to Capturing the Cosmos

At first glance, the challenge of astrophotography may appear daunting. But not only are spectacular results possible, they are easy to learn with the step-by-step instructions provided in this handy resource, which shows amateurs how to produce images to rival a professional observatory.

Digital Astrophotography: The State of the Art

Springer Science & Business Media Provides novice to accomplished amateur astronomers with a firm grounding in the basics and successful use of digital astrophotography. Provides examples of the best images, and gives readers hints and tips about how to get the best out of this extraordinary technology. Experts in CCD astronomy from North America and Europe have contributed to this book, illustrating their help and advice with many beautiful colour images - the book is in full color throughout. Techniques range from using simple webcams to highly technical aspects such as supernovae patrolling. Computer processing, stacking and image-enhancement are detailed, along with many hints and tips from the experts.

A Stargazing Program for Beginners

A Pocket Field Guide

Springer Sets out a simple month-by-month program to reveal all of the night sky's biggest and most beautiful secrets in just one year - and with only a few hours of stargazing each month. By investing just an hour a week and \$50 in binoculars, it's possible to learn a few simple techniques and quickly gain a real insight into the night sky's ever-changing patterns - and what they tell us about Earth, the seasons and ourselves. Searching more for a learned appreciation of nature and our exact place within the cosmos than academic scientific knowledge, science and travel writer Jamie Carter takes the reader on a 12 month tour of the night sky's incredible annual rhythms that say so much about Earth. During the journey he learns about the celestial mechanics at work in the skies above that are - to the beginner - almost beyond belief. As well as the vital constellations and clusters, and the weird and wonderful nebulas, he searches out "dark sky destinations" across the globe that help increase knowledge and give a new perspective on familiar night sky sights. On the journey he witnesses a solar eclipse and grapples with star-charts, binoculars, smartphone apps, telescopes, spots satellites and attempts basic astro-photography. By year's end, the reader will be able to glance at the night sky from anywhere on the planet and tell what direction he or she is facing, what time it is, where all the planets are and even where the Galactic Center Point is.

The Complete Guide to Sony's Alpha 300 and 350 Digital SLR Cameras

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The Complete Guide to Sony's Alpha 330 and 380 Digital SLR Cameras

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The Complete Guide to Canon's Rebel XSi / 450D Digital SLR Camera (B&W Edition)

Lulu.com Finally, an easy-to-understand manual that is a match for the camera it describes! Gary Friedman's book on the Canon Digital Rebel XSi DSLR provides a complete instruction manual which explains each feature in plain English and provides hundreds of visual examples as well. If you've been looking for the fastest and most enjoyable path to proficiency with your camera, you've found it! In this 415-page book you'll learn: * What every mode, knob, and button do - in plain, easy-to-understand text. * The secrets of taking outstanding photos that make people say, "Wow!". * All about the 7 flash modes - including an entire chapter on Wireless Flash! * The most common digital "jargon" and what it all means to you. Get the most out of your investment - Learn about your camera and improve your photography at the same time! This book is also available as an instantly-downloadable, full-color .pdf file for only USD \$24.93 at www.FriedmanArchives.com/rebelxsi

Philip's Astrophotography With Mark Thompson

The Essential Guide To Photographing The Night Sky By TV's Favourite Astronomer

Hachette UK Philip's Astrophotography With Mark Thompson is an essential guide for anyone wishing to photograph or image the stars and planets, written by TV's favourite astronomer. For many people, looking at the sky is not enough and they would love to try and capture what they can see. Until a few years ago, capturing astronomical images was fraught with many challenges, but with the development of digital cameras replacing film, things have become much easier and great astronomical images are now within the reach of even the most novice stargazer. Mark Thompson has spent many years capturing the beauty of the night sky, first with film and now with the digital camera, and has discovered and overcome many of the pitfalls. This book takes the reader on a journey through the world of capturing astronomical images from using the humble mobile phone to specialist cameras, brought to life with Mark's personal experiences and many of his own astronomical images.

Beginners Guide to Night Photography

Steve Rutherford Do you struggle to take great photos of fireworks or the stars and night sky? Written by Multi Award Winning Australian Photographer, Trainer and Best Selling Author Steve Rutherford. This book, The Beginners Guide to Night Photography is one of the best selling "Beginners Guide to Photography" book series and is an easy to understand practical guide to night photography. In the latest book "The Beginners Guide to Night Photography" another book in the best selling "Beginners Guide to Photography" book series. You'll discover the secrets the pro's use to get amazing photos of star trails, planets and even deep space! Here is what is covered in this complete beginners guide to Photographing the Night Sky by Award Winning Professional Photographer and Best Selling Author Steve Rutherford. The SECRET TECHNIQUES pro photographers use every day FREE Access to BONUS VIDEO TRAINING to learn photo editing like a pro Beginners buying guide to telescopes and how to use them with cameras. Dozens of astrophotography techniques, tips and tricks. Equipment needed to capture star field planetary and celestial objects. Specialised telescopic equipment studies. All the resources to find processing software for astrophotography. Over 200 pages of hands on easy to follow instruction The equipment that takes your shots from boring to amazing How to save time and money using the right photography tools How to turn your photography passion and creativity into a BIG \$ income You will discover the many secrets that I, and other pro photographers, use to capture stunning award winning photos, with sharper focus, more colour, more detail and less time wasting, trying every setting to "hope for a good shot". Set out into an easy to follow, page by page guide, join me indoors, outdoors and at night on all aspects of photography and how to take control of your DSLR Camera, and master striking photos, with every shoot. The Beginners Guide to Night Photography, is clearly written, easy-to-understand guide will be an indispensable resource whenever you pick up the camera for your next night photography shoot. You'll also get FREE access to Video Training

at - <https://www.photocheats.com>. Also FREE Access to One Shot Magazine at - <http://www.oneshotmagazine.com>. It is packed full of tips and tricks to improve your photography. Just follow the links to both Photo Cheats and One Shot Magazine in the book or Like us over at <https://www.facebook.com/OneShotMagazine> Please also come back and leave a review we would love to know what you thought of this book. Don't forget to check out the other books in the "Beginners Guide to Photography" book series. Written with all levels in mind, there is instruction for beginners, as well as many advanced techniques and tips. I have also included "live website links" throughout, as well as easy to find "quick tip" sections. The "Beginners Guide to Photography" book series breaks techniques down into specific categories so you can perfect these techniques. Please see the other books in the series for more in depth tutorials on a large range of photography styles. Please also come back and leave a review we would love to know what you thought of this book. Don't forget to check out the other books in the "The Beginners Guide to Photography" best selling photography book series. ***** 5 STAR REVIEWS for this book series so far ***** "Explanatory, easy descriptions involved material" "Loved it has helped me in numerous ways. Have used it as a reference constantly. One of my photos has gone viral since using the hints and tips in the book. Small adjustments make huge differences." - Mike Roche. "Has absolutely everything" "Do not miss out on this book. As the title says it has absolutely everything and I particularly like the boxes with advice to shoot particular subjects. It doesn't matter whether you are just starting out or experienced with a camera, it has something for everyone. Highly recommended!" - Paul B "Well worth the money" "Great book that starts from the very basics, explains everything to do with modern cameras, their use, settings and techniques under different settings and circumstances." - Qball "A great read" "Getting back into photography after a 6 yr break - born and raised on a film SLR, this book helped me remember things and to better adapt to a digital SLR - whether you're novice or experienced, you will get a lot out of this book...." - Brian I love this book and hope to capture few good images as a result of this." - Jatinkumar.

Photographer's Guide to the Leica D-Lux 4

Getting the Most from Leica's Compact Digital Camera

White Knight Press This book is a comprehensive, illustrated guide to the operation, features, menus, and controls of the Leica D-Lux 4 compact camera. It provides clearly written guidance for how to achieve excellent results using the camera's numerous sophisticated options. It also discusses topics such as infrared photography, macro photography, and street photography, and provides information about accessories for the D-Lux 4.

A Visual Astronomer's Photographic Guide to the Deep Sky

A Pocket Field Guide

Springer Over the last 15 years or so there has been a huge increase in the popularity of astrophotography with the advent of digital SLR cameras and CCD imagers. These have enabled astronomers to take many images and, indeed, check images as they scan the skies. Processing techniques using computer software have also made 'developing' these images more accessible to those of us who are 'chemically challenged!' And let's face it - some of the pictures you see these days in magazines, books, and on popular web forums are, frankly, amazing! So, why bother looking through the eyepiece you ask? Well, for one thing, setting up the equipment is quicker. You just take your 'scope out of the garage or, if you're lucky enough to own one, open the roof of your observatory, align the 'scope and off you go. If you have an equatorial mount, you'll still need to roughly polar align, but this really takes only a few moments. The 'imager' would most likely need to spend more time setting up. This would include very accurate polar alignment (for equatorial mounts), then finding a guide star using his or her finder, checking the software is functioning properly, and continuous monitoring to make sure the alignment is absolutely precise throughout the imaging run. That said, an imager with a snug 'obsy' at the end of the garden will have a quicker time setting up, but then again so will the 'visual' observer.

Digital Astrophotography

A Guide to Capturing the Cosmos

"O'Reilly Media, Inc." At first glance, the challenge of astrophotography may appear daunting. But not only are spectacular results possible, they are easy to learn with the step-by-step instructions provided in Stephan Seip's Digital Astrophotography: A Guide to Capturing the Cosmos. Today, amateurs can produce images that only twenty years ago a large professional observatory would have been proud of; and this book shows you how. Learn how to: Set up your camera for optimum results Focus your camera for razor-sharp images Take beautiful night shots with a simple compact digital camera, a tripod, and a telescope Use a DSLR camera to shoot the Sun, Moon, stars, star clusters, and nebulae through your telescope Get brilliant images of planets with a Webcam Capture remote galaxies with a charge-coupled device (CCD) camera just like a pro Also included are lessons on the processing that is done in the "studio"

after your shoot, including how to: Shoot RAW format images and improve them with calibration frames Take short exposures of faint deep-sky objects and combine them into a longer exposure Perform brightness, contrast, and color correction Make corrections to correct for vignetting and uneven field illumination Process your images for stunning results Equipment requirements for astrophotography range from nothing but a simple camera and tripod to a multi-thousand dollar computer controlled telescope equipped with a CCD auto-guider and separate guide-scope. Researching the best equipment for your needs is a task in itself. Seip helps you to sort out which cameras are best for the various celestial objects, what to look for when buying a camera, and what accessories you really need. The rewards of this fascinating hobby, as the author says, "Grants you unforgettable hours under the night sky; it allows you to produce aesthetically rewarding and lasting results. Astrophotography is a love-match between physics, photography, art, and digital image processing. It is exciting!"

Observing Nebulae

Springer This book enables anyone with suitable instruments to undertake an examination of nebulae and see or photograph them in detail. Nebulae, ethereal clouds of gas and dust, are among the most beautiful objects to view in the night sky. These star-forming regions are a common target for observers and photographers. Griffiths describes many of the brightest and best nebulae and includes some challenges for the more experienced observer. Readers learn the many interesting astrophysical properties of these clouds, which are an important subject of study in astronomy and astrobiology. Non-mathematical in approach, the text is easily accessible to anyone with an interest in the subject. A special feature is the inclusion of an observational guide to 70 objects personally observed or imaged by the author. The guide also includes photographs of each object for ease of identification along with their celestial coordinates, magnitudes and other pertinent information. Observing Nebulae provides a ready resource to allow anyone with a little experience in astronomy, whether professional or amateur, to locate, identify and record the nebulae in our home galaxy. The author enables the observer to use a telescope and filters to the best advantage to see these celestial wonders, or to couple filters to a CCD camera or digital SLR camera in order to take quality images of celestial objects. By using these techniques it is even possible to make a valid contribution to professional investigations. And the views are unbeatable.

Planetary Nebulae and How to Observe Them

Springer Science & Business Media Planetary Nebulae and How to Observe Them is for amateur astronomers who want to go beyond the Messier objects, concentrating on one of the most beautiful classes of astronomical objects in the sky. Planetary nebulae are not visible to the naked eye, but they are a fascinating group of telescope objects. This guide enables a user equipped with an average-sized amateur telescope to get the best out of observing them. Topics covered include their astrophysical make-up, history of their discovery, classification and description, telescopes to use, filters, and observing techniques - in short everything anyone would need to know to successfully observe planetary nebulae. The book describes the various forms these astronomical objects can take and explains why they are favorite targets for amateur observers. Descriptions of over 100 nebulae personally observed by the author using telescopes of various sizes are included in the book. Readers can create their own observing program or follow the list of these captivating objects, many of which are found within our own Milky Way Galaxy.

Photographer's Guide to the Panasonic Lumix LX3

Getting the Most from Panasonic's Versatile Digital Camera

White Knight Press Photographer's Guide to the Panasonic Lumix LX3: Getting the Most from Panasonic's Versatile Digital Camera is a follow-up to the author's well-received guide to a very similar camera, the Leica D-Lux 4. This new guidebook covers all features and operations of the LX3, one of the most highly esteemed compact digital cameras of recent years. In 232 pages, with numerous color photographs and illustrations, the book explains in plain language how to achieve the best possible results taking pictures with the automatic or manual controls of the LX3. Although much of the information in this book is similar to that in the earlier book about the Leica D-Lux 4 camera, this new volume is updated to include several new features that were added to both cameras when their internal firmware (operating system) was upgraded to version 2.0. These new features include white balance bracketing, 1:1 aspect ratio, lens resume, and several others. Therefore, the book will be useful to users of the latest versions of both the Panasonic Lumix LX3 and the Leica D-Lux 4.

How to Observe the Sun Safely

Springer Science & Business Media "How to Observe the Sun Safely, 2nd Edition" gives all the basic information and advice the amateur astronomer needs to get started in observing our own ever-fascinating star. Unlike many other astronomical objects, you do not need a large telescope or expensive equipment to observe the Sun. And it is possible to take excellent pictures of the Sun with today's low-cost digital cameras! This title concentrates on providing practical, on-the-spot advice to the amateur astronomer who is interested in observing the Sun, using commercially

available equipment. This book surveys what is visible on the Sun, before describing how to record solar features and measure solar activity levels. There is also an account of how to use H-alpha and Calcium-K filters to observe and record prominences and other features of the solar chromosphere, the Sun's inner atmosphere. Because we are just entering a period of high activity on the Sun, following a long, quiet period, many more amateur astronomers will become interested in observing it. The second edition includes an update of Chapter 2 to reflect advances in solar observing equipment since 2002, and a section on building a solar projection box, originally included in the main body of this chapter has been moved to Appendix A. Also Chapter 6 thru 8 have been completely revised to give amateur astronomers advice on how to use film to photograph the Sun, and how to use digital cameras. This new edition also includes more than twice as many illustrations as the first and almost half of them new images.

The Complete Guide to Landscape Astrophotography

Understanding, Planning, Creating, and Processing

Nightscape Images

Taylor & Francis The Complete Guide to Landscape Astrophotography is the ultimate manual for anyone looking to create spectacular landscape astrophotography images. By explaining the science of landscape astrophotography in clear and straightforward language, it provides insights into phenomena such as the appearance or absence of the Milky Way, the moon, and constellations. This unique approach, which combines the underlying scientific principles of astronomy with those of photography, will help deepen your understanding and give you the tools you need to fulfil your artistic vision. Key features include: • Distinguished Guest Gallery of images from renowned nightscape photographers such as Babak Tafreshi, Bryan Peterson, Alan Dyer, Brenda Tharp, Royce Bair, Wally Pacholka, and David Kingham • The twenty-five best landscape astrophotography subjects and how to photograph them • Astronomy 101 - build your knowledge of night sky objects and their motion: the Milky Way, moon, Aurora Borealis/Australis, constellations, meteors and comets • Information on state-of-the-art planning software and apps designed to enable you to capture and enhance your landscape astrophotography • Field guide for creating a detailed plan for your night shoot • Description of the best moon phases for specific types of nightscape images, and the best months and times of night to see the Milky Way • How-to guide for creating stunning time-lapse videos of the night sky, including Holy Grail transitions from pre-sunset to complete darkness • Four detailed case studies on creating landscape astrophotography images of the Milky Way, full moon, star trails, and constellations

Astrophotography

Rocky Nook, Inc. Today's photographic equipment allows amateurs to take pictures of the stars that far surpass images taken just a few decades ago by even the largest observatories-and this book will teach you how. Author and world-renowned astrophotographer Thierry Legault teaches the art and techniques of astrophotography: from simple camera-on-tripod night-scene imaging of constellations, star trails, eclipses, artificial satellites, and polar auroras to more intensive astrophotography using specialized equipment for lunar, planetary, solar, and deep-sky imaging. Legault shares advice on equipment and guides you through techniques to capture and process your images to achieve spectacular results. Astrophotography provides the most thorough treatment of the topic available. This large-format, richly illustrated book is intended for all sky enthusiasts-newcomers and veterans alike. Learn how to: Select the most useful equipment: cameras, adapters, filters, focal reducers/extenders, field correctors, and guide telescopes Set up your camera (digital, video, or CCD) and your lens or telescope for optimal results Plan your observing sessions Mount the camera on your telescope and focus it for razor-sharp images Polar-align your equatorial mount and improve tracking for pin-point star images Make celestial time-lapse videos Calculate the shooting parameters: focal length and ratio, field of view, exposure time, etc. Combine multiples exposures to reveal faint galaxies, nebulae details, elusive planetary structures, and tiny lunar craters Adjust contrast, brightness, light curves, and colors Postprocess your images to fix defects such as vignetting, dust shadows, hot pixels, uneven background, and noise Identify problems with your images and improve your results

Digital SLR Astrophotography

Cambridge University Press Digital SLR cameras have made it easier than ever before to photograph the night sky. Whether you're a beginner, nature photographer, or serious astronomer, this is the definitive handbook to capturing the heavens. Starting with simple projects for beginners such as cameras on tripods, it then moves onto more advanced projects including telescope photography and methods of astronomical research. With 80% revised and updated material, this new edition covers nightsapes, eclipses, using cameras with sky trackers and telescopes, and tools for identifying celestial objects and investigating them scientifically. Image processing is discussed in detail, with worked examples from three popular software packages - Nebulosity, MaxIm DL, and PixInsight. Rather than taking a recipe-book approach, Covington explains how your equipment works as well as offering advice on many practical considerations, such as choice of set-up and the testing of lenses, making this a comprehensive guide for anyone involved in astrophotography.

The 100 Best Astrophotography Targets

A Monthly Guide for CCD Imaging with Amateur Telescopes

Springer Science & Business Media Any amateur astronomer who is interested in astrophotography, particularly if just getting started, needs to know what objects are best for imaging in each month of the year. These are not necessarily the same objects that are the most spectacular or intriguing visually. The camera reveals different things and has different requirements. What objects in the sky tonight are large enough, bright enough, and high enough to be photographed? This book reveals, for each month of the year, the choicest celestial treasures within the reach of a commercial CCD camera. Helpful hints and advice on framing, exposures, and filters are included. Each deep sky object is explained in beautiful detail, so that observers will gain a richer understanding of these astronomical objects. This is not a book that dwells on the technology of CCD, Webcam, wet, or other types of astrophotography. Neither is it a book about in-depth computer processing of the images (although this topic is included). Detailed discussions of these topics can be found in other publications. This book focuses on what northern latitude objects to image at any given time of the year to get the most spectacular results.

Astrophotography is Easy!

Basics for Beginners

Springer Nature There are many books covering different facets of astrophotography, but few of them contain all the necessary steps for beginners in one accessible place. *Astrophotography is Easy!* fills that void, serving as a guide to anybody interested in the subject but starting totally from scratch. Assuming no prior experience, the author runs through the basics for how to take astrophotos using just a camera—including cell phones and tablets—as well as a telescope and more sophisticated equipment. The book includes proven techniques, checklists, safety guidelines, troubleshooting tips, and more. Each chapter builds upon the last, allowing readers to master basic techniques before moving on to more challenging material. Also included is a comprehensive list of additional books and resources on a variety of topics so readers can continue expanding their skills. *Astrophotography Is Easy!* doesn't simply teach you the basic skills for becoming an astrophotographer: it provides you with the foundations you will need for a lifelong pursuit.

NightScenes

A Monthly Guide to the Astronomical Events for the Year

The Art of Astrophotography

Cambridge University Press In *The Art of Astrophotography*, astronomer and Popular Astronomy columnist Ian Morison provides the essential foundations of how to produce beautiful astronomical images. Every type of astroimaging is covered, from images of the Moon and planets, to the constellations, star clusters and nebulae within our Milky Way Galaxy and the faint light of distant galaxies. He achieves this through a series of worked examples and short project walk-throughs, detailing the equipment needed - starting with just a DSLR (digital single lens reflex) camera and tripod, and increasing in complexity as the book progresses - followed by the way to best capture the images and then how, step by step, these may be processed and enhanced to provide results that can rival those seen in astronomical magazines and books. Whether you are just getting into astrophotography or are already deeply involved, Morison's advice will help you capture and create enticing astronomical images.

How to Photograph & Process Nightscapes and Time-Lapses

A step-by-step guide to photographing the night sky

Alan Dyer The book describes — How to shoot and process still image “nightscapes” - images of landscapes taken at night by the light of the Moon or stars ... and ... How to shoot and assemble time-lapse movies of the stars and Milky Way turning above Earthly scenes, all using DSLR cameras. The 400-page multi-touch book includes — 50 embedded HD videos (no internet connection required) demonstrating time-lapse techniques. 60 multi-page tutorials with step-by-step instructions of how to use software: Adobe Bridge, Adobe Camera Raw, Photoshop, Lightroom, LRTimelapse,

Advanced Stacker Actions, StarStaX, Panolapse, Sequence, GBTimelapse, and more. Numerous Photo 101 sections explaining the basic concepts of photography and video production (f-stops, ISOs, file types, aspect ratios, frame rates, compression, etc.). Numerous Astronomy 101 sections explaining the basics of how the sky works (how the sky moves, where the Moon can be found, when the Milky Way can be seen, when and where to see auroras). Reviews of gear - I don't just mention that specialized gear exists, I illustrate in detail how to use popular units such as the Time-Lapse+, Michron, and TriggerTrap intervalometers, and the All-View mount, Radian, Mindarin Astro, eMotimo, and Dynamic Perception motion-control units, with comments on what's good - and not so good - to use. You'll learn — What are the best cameras and lenses to buy (cropped vs. full-frame, Canon vs. Nikon, manual vs. automatic lenses, zooms vs. primes). How to set your cameras and lenses for maximum detail and minimum noise (following the mantra of “exposing to the right” and using dark frames). How to shoot auroras, conjunctions, satellites, comets, and meteor showers. How to shoot nightscapes lit only by moonlit, and how to determine where the Moon will be to plan a shoot. How to shoot & stitch panoramas of the night sky and Milky Way, using Photoshop and PTGui software. How to shoot tracked long exposures of the Milky Way using camera trackers such as the iOptron Star Tracker and Sky-Watcher Star Adventurer. How to develop Raw files, the essential first step to great images and movies. How to process nightscape stills using techniques such as compositing multiple exposures, masking ground and sky, and using non-destructive adjustment layers and smart filters. How to shoot and stack star trail images made of hundreds of frames. How to assemble time-lapse movies from those same hundreds of frames. How to plan a time-lapse shoot and calculate the best balance of exposure time vs. frame count vs. length of shoot, and recommended apps to use. How to process hundreds of frames using Adobe Camera Raw, Bridge, Photoshop, and Lightroom. How to shoot and process advanced “Holy Grail” time-lapse transitions from day to night. How to shoot motion-control sequences using specialized dolly and pan/tilt devices. How to use time-lapse processing tools such as LRTimelapse, Panolapse, Sequence, and Advanced Stacker Actions. What can go wrong and how best to avoid problems in the field.

Choosing and Using a New CAT

Getting the Most from Your Schmidt Cassegrain or Any Catadioptric Telescope

Springer Nature Catadioptric telescopes (CATs) such as the Schmidt Cassegrains remain popular among amateur astronomers for their ability to reveal thousands of beautiful deep-space wonders. Additionally, their computer-assisted capabilities allow them to automatically point to and track celestial objects, making astronomy accessible to more people than ever before. However, selecting the right one and learning how to use it can be difficult for stargazers both old and new. That's where this book comes in. The first edition, published in 2009, has remained the standard reference for mastering these popular instruments. This revised edition brings the material completely up to date, with several extensively rewritten chapters covering the most recent developments in telescope and camera equipment as well as computer software. Through the author's 45 years of experience with catadioptric telescopes, readers will learn to decide which catadioptric telescope is right for them, to choose a specific make and model, and finally, to use the telescope in the field. Covered in other chapters are: Solar System and deep-sky observations; astrophotography and computer control of CATs; and troubleshooting and maintaining your equipment. If you dream of owning a telescope or are frustrated by the telescope you already own, this is the book for you!

Shoot the Moon

A Complete Guide to Lunar Imaging

Cambridge University Press Dedicated to modern lunar imaging, this is an in-depth and illustrated guide to capturing impressive images of our nearest neighbour.

From Casual Stargazer to Amateur Astronomer

How to Advance to the Next Level

Springer Science & Business Media The beginning astronomical observer passes through a series of stages. The initial stage is hugely exciting and gives the beginner a real buzz as he discovers some of the faint fuzzy objects, markings on the planets, rings around Saturn and the craters on the Moon. But as the novice observer progresses, he or she wants to know what more there is than looking at faint fuzzy blobs or indistinct planet markings. Many jump to the conclusion - wrongly - that they need to spend lots of money on expensive equipment to progress. “From Casual Stargazer to Amateur Astronomer” has been written specifically to address this group of budding stargazers. Astronomy is much more than a quick sightseeing tour. Patient observers who can develop their skills will start to appreciate what they are seeing, and will know exactly what to look out for on any particular night. And equally important, they will learn what not to expect to see. “From Casual Stargazer to Amateur Astronomer” is for those who want to develop observing skills beyond mere sightseeing, and learn some of the techniques used to carry out

enjoyable - and scientifically useful - observations. It will also direct readers to make informed choices about what can be seen and when. This book is for anyone keen to develop their skills as an amateur astronomer.

The Digital Photography Book

The Step-by-step Secrets for how to Make Your Photos Look Like the Pros'!

Pearson Education Furnishes an overview of digital photography, covering such topics as cameras, exposure, lighting, shutter speed, depth of field, and resolution--and tips on how to avoid hours of photo-editing by taking great photographs the first time.

Astrophotography for the Amateur

Cambridge University Press First published in 1999, this is an expanded and updated edition of the best-selling, standard handbook on astrophotography for amateurs.

Photographer's Guide to the Leica D-Lux 6

Getting the Most from Leica's Advanced Compact Camera

White Knight Press The Leica D-Lux 6 is one of the top choices for photographers who want an advanced camera they can carry around to capture great images without the complication and weight of a DSLR or other large camera. With features such as a very fast lens with an aperture of f/1.4, excellent image quality, and a solid array of burst-shooting capabilities, the D-Lux 6 has attracted an enthusiastic following. However, the camera does not come with a detailed printed manual for reference, making it hard for users to find answers to questions about the use of the camera's many controls, menus, and features. With the release of this guide book to the D-Lux 6, White Knight Press has provided users with a comprehensive guide to all operations of this sophisticated camera. Using a patient, tutorial-like approach, the book provides guidance to beginning and intermediate photographers about how to accomplish things with the D-LUX 6, as well as when and why to use the camera's many controls, menu options, and other features. The book does not assume specialized knowledge by the reader as it explains topics such as autofocus, manual focus, depth of field, aperture priority, shutter priority, exposure bracketing, white balance, and ISO sensitivity. The book also provides details about the camera's numerous options for playback, setup, and customizing the operation of the various buttons and other controls. The book contains approximately 400 photographs, almost all in full color, illustrating the D-Lux 6's controls, shooting screens, and menus. The images also provide examples of the various types of photographs that can be taken using the many creative settings of the camera, including the Creative Control settings, which let the photographer alter the color processing and other aspects of images; the Scene shooting mode, with settings that are optimized for various subjects, including landscapes, portraits, and action shots; the Photo Style menu option, which provides the ability to customize the appearance of images; and the camera's strong array of features for continuous shooting and shooting in dim lighting. In addition, the book goes beyond the bounds of everyday photography, and introduces more advanced topics such as infrared photography, street photography, digiscoping, astrophotography, and High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography. The book also includes a full discussion of the video recording abilities of the D-Lux 6, which can shoot high-definition (HD) video with stereo sound, and which offers manual control of exposure and focus during movie recording. In three appendices, the book provides information about accessories for the D-Lux 6, including cases, external flash units, viewfinders, and filter adapters, and includes a list of web sites and other resources for further information. The book includes a detailed appendix with helpful Quick Tips with insights into how to take advantage of the camera's features in the most efficient ways possible.

The Astrophotography Manual

A Practical and Scientific Approach to Deep Sky Imaging

Taylor & Francis The Astrophotography Manual, Second Edition is for photographers ready to move beyond standard SLR cameras and editing software to create beautiful images of nebulae, galaxies, clusters, and the stars. Beginning with a brief astronomy primer, this book takes readers through the full astrophotography process, from choosing and using equipment to image capture, calibration, and processing. This combination of technical background and hands-on approach brings the science down to earth, with practical methods to ensure success. This second edition now includes: Over 170 pages of new content within 22 new chapters, with 600 full-color illustrations. Covers a wide range of hardware, including mobile devices, remote control and new technologies. Further insights into leading software,

including automation, Sequence Generator Pro and PixInsight Ground-breaking practical chapters on hardware and software as well as alternative astrophotography pursuits

Budget Astrophotography

Imaging with Your DSLR or Webcam

Springer Here are clear explanations of how to make superb astronomical deep-sky images using only a DSLR or webcam and an astronomical telescope - no expensive dedicated CCD cameras needed! The book is written for amateur astronomers interested in budget astrophotography - the deep sky, not just the Moon and planets - and for those who want to improve their imaging skills using DSLR and webcams. It is even possible to use existing (non-specialist astronomical) equipment for scientific applications such as high resolution planetary and lunar photography, astrometry, photometry, and spectroscopy. The introduction of the CCD revolutionized astrophotography. The availability of this technology to the amateur astronomy community has allowed advanced science and imaging techniques to become available to almost anyone willing to take the time to learn a few, simple techniques. Specialized cooled-chip CCD imagers are capable of superb results in the right hands - but they are all very expensive. If budget is important, the reader is advised on using a standard camera instead. Jensen provides techniques useful in acquiring beautiful high-quality images and high level scientific data in one accessible and easy-to-read book. It introduces techniques that will allow the reader to use more economical DSLR cameras - that are of course also used for day-to-day photography - to produce images and data of high quality, without a large cash investment.

A Practical Guide to CCD Astronomy

Cambridge University Press A complete, self-contained guide to choosing and using CCD cameras - for amateur astronomers and enthusiasts.

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CRC Press The Astrophotography Manual is for those photographers who aspire to move beyond using standard SLR cameras and editing software, and who are ready to create beautiful images of nebulae, galaxies, clusters, and the solar system. Beginning with a brief astronomy primer, this book takes readers through the full astrophotography process, from choosing and using equipment through image capture, calibration, and processing. This combination of technical background information and the hands-on approach brings the science down to earth with a practical method to plan for success. Features include: Over 400 images, graphs, and tables to illustrate these concepts A wide range of hardware to be used, including smartphones, tablets, and the latest mount technologies How to utilize a variety of leading software such as Maxim DL, Nebulosity, Sequence Generator Pro, Photoshop, and PixInsight Case studies showing how and when to use certain tools and overcoming technical challenges How sensor performance and light pollution relate to image quality and exposure planning

Capturing the Universe

A Photographer's Guide to Deep-Sky Imaging

CRC Press This book provides a thorough introduction to and exploration of deep sky astrophotography for the digital photographer. With over 280 images, graphs, and tables, this introductory book uses a progressive and practical style to teach readers how to image the night sky using existing, affordable equipment. The book opens with a brief astronomy primer, followed by chapters that build progressively to explain the challenges, offer solutions, and provide invaluable information on equipment choice through image capture, calibration, and processing in affordable software. The book's focus ranges from how to image sweeping vistas and star trails using only a camera body, lens and tripod, to more advanced methods suitable for imaging galaxies, clusters, nebulae, and stars. Other features of the book include: Real-world assignments showing how and when to use certain tools and how to overcome challenges and setbacks Practical construction projects Evaluations of the most recent developments in affordable hardware and software Exploration on how sensor performance and light pollution relate to image quality and exposure planning Ground-breaking practical chapters on lucky imaging and choosing and using the latest CMOS cameras Written in an accessible, easy to follow format, this comprehensive guide equips readers with all the necessary skills to progress from photographer to astrophotographer.

The Backyard Astronomer's Guide

Firefly Books Limited Discusses the practical aspects of stargazing, including how to choose appropriate equipment, contending with light pollution, taking successful photographs of galaxies and nebulae, and selecting an observing site.

Nikon D3200 For Dummies

John Wiley & Sons A full-color guide to Nikon's exciting new entry-level dSLR With its large 24.2 megapixel sensor, full HD video recording capability, and wireless options, the Nikon D3200 is very appealing! This full-color guide assumes no prior digital photography or dSLR knowledge and helps you start taking great pictures with your new Nikon right from the beginning. Popular author and photography instructor Julie Adair King shows you how to use all the settings, manage playback options, take control with manual modes, work with video, and edit and share your images. It's like a personal course in beginning dSLR photography. New dSLR users will quickly gain skills and confidence with the step-by-step, colorfully illustrated instructions in this beginner's guide to the Nikon D3200 camera Explains how to use all the new features of the Nikon D3200, including a 24-megapixel sensor, 11 autofocus points, 4 frame-per-second shooting, full HD video capabilities, and a WiFi feature that lets you control the camera remotely or preview images on your smartphone Covers auto and manual modes, playback options, working with exposure and focus, shooting video, editing and sharing photos, troubleshooting, and photography tips Popular author has written more than 15 For Dummies books on Nikon and Canon cameras Nikon D3200 For Dummies is the easy, full-color, and fun way to start making the most of your new camera right away.

Photography: Night Sky

A Field Guide for Shooting after Dark

Mountaineers Books Photography: Night Sky will give you the tips and techniques you need to take stunning photographs in the dark. You'll learn how to overcome the unique issues that confront nighttime photographers and capture images of which you'll be proud. Co-author Jennifer Wu, an elite Canon "Explorer of Light" professional photographer, has become renowned for her ability to capture nighttime phenomena, from quarter-phase moon rises to shooting stars to the ephemeral Milky Way. This new guide reveals her methods and concentrates on photographing four principal subjects: stars as points of light, star trails, the moon, and twilight. These subjects share common photo techniques and considerations, but each also requires a distinct approach. Once captured, your digital images must be finished on the computer; coauthor and author of the bestselling Photography: Outdoors, James Martin, delves into the settings and procedures that elevate an image from mundane to striking. This clear and practical guide will help photographers of all levels portray the stunning spectacle of the night sky, preserving those special memories and moments from a life outdoors.

Photographer's Guide to the Leica D-Lux 5

Getting the Most from Leica's Compact Digital Camera

White Knight Press Photographer's Guide to the Leica D-Lux 5 is a follow-up to the author's earlier guides to the Leica D-Lux 4, Panasonic Lumix LX3, and Panasonic Lumix LX5 digital cameras. The new book, like the earlier ones, explains all operations, features, menus, and controls of the camera in clear language, providing guidance not only about how to accomplish things with the camera, but when and why to use certain features. The book does not assume any specialized knowledge by the reader, but adopts a patient and helpful tone in explaining topics such as autofocus, manual focus, aperture priority, shutter priority, macro photography, and RAW files. Besides providing guidance about all basic operations of the camera, the book includes introductions to advanced topics including astrophotography, infrared photography, street photography, and creating 3D images. The book is illustrated with more than 150 color photographs and includes a full table of contents and index.

Photographer's Guide to the Fujifilm X10

White Knight Press This book, a complete guide to the operation and features of the Fujifilm X10 digital camera, is a follow-up to the author's earlier guides to advanced compact digital cameras, including the Fujifilm X100 as well as models by Leica, Panasonic, Canon, and Nikon. The new book explains all operations, features, menus, and controls of the Fujifilm X10 camera in clear language, providing guidance not only about how to accomplish things with the camera, but when and why to use certain features. The book does not assume any specialized knowledge by the reader, but explains topics such as shooting modes, autofocus, manual focus, depth of field, aperture priority, shutter priority, HDR (High Dynamic Range) photography, white balance, ISO, and macro photography. The book shows how to take advantage of the camera's unique CMOS sensor with Fujifilm's EXR technology. This special sensor enables the camera to be configured for high resolution, high sensitivity in dim lighting, or high dynamic range, depending on the

lighting conditions the photographer is faced with. The book also provides guidance about the many the X10's many other advanced settings, including adjustments for Color, Sharpness, Highlight Tone, Shadow Tone, and numerous others. The guide's more than 200 photographs, almost all in full color, provide illustrations of the camera's controls and menus, and include examples of the various types of photographs that can be taken using the many creative settings of the camera, including the Film Simulation settings, which let the photographer alter the color processing and other aspects of images; various menu options such as Dynamic Range and Intelligent Digital Zoom; and the camera's strong set of features for continuous shooting. In addition, the book goes beyond everyday photography with introductions to more advanced topics such as infrared photography, astrophotography, digiscoping, street photography, and creating 3D (three-dimensional) images that can be viewed with conventional red and blue 3D glasses. The book also includes a full discussion of the video recording abilities of the Fujifilm X10, which can capture high-definition (HD) video with stereo sound and can take silent slow-motion movies to enable studies of sports and other actions. In three appendices, the book provides information about accessories available for the camera, including cases, filter adapters, and external flash units; sets forth a list of useful web sites and other resources for further information; and includes a section with helpful "quic