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Book Review:
WONDERS OF THE
NIGHT SKY:
ASTRONOMY STARTS
WITH JUST LOOKING

WONDERS OF THE NIGHT SKY is a comprehensive astronomy book for older readers. Beginning with a page of tips on where to go and what to take to view the night sky, this book has a lot to look at and read on each page opening. Throughout the book, the reader will find "know why" paragraphs that explain something further. The book includes several pages about constellations in the northern hemisphere. The author provides the best time of year, time of night, and direction to look for these constellations. That's not all. There are several pages about planets and our solar system, and a few pages about the moon, its phases, and even moon landings (which isn't really astronomy). But wait, there's more! It includes comets, asteroids, northern lights, and even space junk.

The illustrations are lifelike but are not photographs. Everything is beautiful and interesting in this book. Older elementary through middle school readers will find this book accessible, though it may be a stretch for some. There's so much to learn, and this book organizes and presents the night sky in a very compelling way. Well done!

