

## The Sky at Night: Easy Enjoyment from Your Backyard

**Tim B. Hunter**

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Lifelong stargazer, amateur astronomer, and astronomy columnist Tim B. Hunter's *The Sky at Night* is a trove of mind-boggling facts and astounding mysteries that will captivate astronomy sophisticates and children alike.

The book, based on years of "Sky Spy" columns that Hunter wrote for the *Arizona Daily Star* newspaper, gives backyard stargazers a wealth of information about the moon, planets, and stars; the myths, legends, and stories of the constellations; and astronomers and astronomical events throughout the ages. Dazzling tidbits reveal that "Terminator" has nothing to do with Arnold Schwarzenegger; that Zubenelganubi and Zubeneshamali can be found hiding near the tail of the Scorpion; and that over one million asteroids streak overhead each night.

Here, the sky is "a tough taskmaster" that reserves some of its most glorious celestial events for just after midnight or just before dawn. Hunter advises starting small, but says that his book, naked-eye viewing, and an inexpensive planisphere are enough to have fun exploring the mysteries of the cosmos all year long.

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