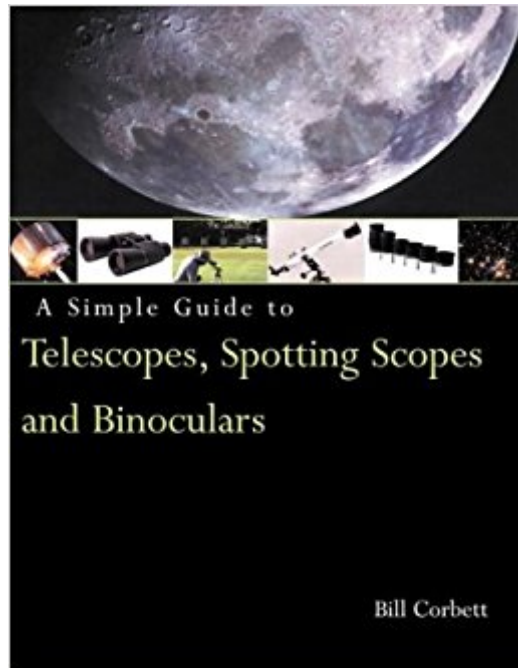




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# A Simple Guide To Telescopes, Spotting Scopes And Binoculars



## Synopsis

The world of telescopes, spotting scopes, and binoculars can be quite daunting to the uninitiated. Part buyer's guide, part instruction manual, this one-of-a-kind reference sorts out all the essential details. Not only will readers receive a foundation in such basics as telescope types, accessories, adjustments, and maintenance, they'll also discover tested techniques for successful viewing at sporting events, viewing landscapes and terrain, as well as basic star gazing. Finally, star charts and other astronomy references show readers how to navigate around the heavens and photograph specific objects in the night sky.

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## Customer Reviews

Bill Corbett, author of the Amphoto best-seller *A Simple Guide to Digital Photography*, is a professional photographer and writer. He lives in Australia.

For the most part this book is ok. The author has assumed the reader has little or no knowledge of the hobby. In doing so one would think he would provide basic info in all important aspects. Unfortunately that is not the case. His coverage of accessories is terribly lacking. Since eyepieces are such an important part of the hobby it seems only natural the the author would provide enough space for the newbie to have a minimal understanding of their use. In this regard, the author does not come close. It is worse for other accessories, they are barely mentioned. The coverage on observable planetary objects is adequate, while his informaton on how to find these objects is

minimal. Very little time is spent on other objects. However, there are certain areas I like about this book. The lay out and approach is fine. It seems the author just failed to deliver information in the needed and proper amounts. At best OK.

This thin book is chock full of useful information for the person getting started with their first telescope. It is very well designed and organized, with tons of photos and diagrams, making it a fun read. I went to the bookstore looking for Star Ware when I found this book. Star Ware had absolutely no photos and had pages upon pages of technical jargon, whereas this book explained in interesting and simple terms the basics of telescopes, both in purchasing, setting up and using. I purchased the book and will keep it as a reference / guide now that I've read it. Recommended.

This was the first of several books I purchased to learn about telescopes and astronomy. It's a great book for newbies. Author Bill Corbett does an excellent job of presenting the material in an easy to understand approach. I go back to it periodically to refresh my memory. We used it to decide on our first telescope purchase.

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