
Amateur astronomers, photographers, and students of astronomy will no doubt be very grateful to Dover for republishing this classic handbook in an updated, inexpensive form.  The book was originally published in 1940 and has been out of print for some time.  The authors are both well-known amateur astronomers, and their book is both informative and very readable.  The contents of the book fall into three main categories.  The first few chapters describe the techniques for photographing, with and without a telescope, such objects as stars, meteors, comets, planets, the moon, the aurora, etc.  Several subsequent chapters are devoted to problems of the choice and processing of films.  Finally the importance of keeping accurate and complete records of the amateur's photographs is discussed.  Numerous illustrations supplement the text, and the tables of precession, star positions, time conversion, etc., given in the appendix, are extremely useful.  In addition the bibliography in this edition has been revised and enlarged.

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