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accommodation at or near the locations. There are chapters on

choosing telescopes and binoculars, on celestial objects astro-tourists can look for in the night sky, and an investigation into the causes of the skyglow that veils our view of the stars. Most of those who go seeking the stars are not professional astronomers. This book is aimed at those observers with limited knowledge of the night sky who are eager to explore and enjoy it. Even those contemplating setting up astrothemed hotels, campsites, or astronomy events can benefit from reading this book and from the advice included on how to equip such places, stargazing etiquette and star-friendly lighting.