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Free Astronomy e-Book Helps Stargazers and Science Educators Enjoy the Wonders of the Night Sky

Ottawa, Canada, October 16, 2012 – Many have an interest in astronomy, but few cultivate their passion for the stars. Yet the basics of astronomy are not difficult, and it doesn't take much time to learn about the lives and deaths of stars, how to use a telescope, and how to see some of the most dazzling objects in nature. The new e-book "The One-Minute Astronomer: Tips, Tales, and Tours for the Casual Stargazer" now makes it easier for would-be stargazers to learn about astronomy. The e-book is a collection of more than 100 short and easy-to-read articles about stargazing for new and experienced stargazers, and for middle and high-school science teachers and homeschoolers looking to learn more about basic astronomy. The e-book is available for free until midnight (PDT) on Saturday, October 20, 2012 on the Amazon Kindle website at <http://amzn.to/T50d44>.

"Some think astronomy is too hard, while others are too busy, always waiting for the 'right time' to learn more about the night sky", says Dr. Brian Ventrudo, editor and publisher of the book. "The idea behind this e-book is simple: it helps build understanding and enjoyment of astronomy one small step at a time. Most of the articles take just a minute or two to read and don't require any specialized background in science. After dipping into these articles, readers will have a grasp of the basics of stargazing. And they'll know a little of the science behind some of the most beautiful sights in the night sky."

"The One-Minute Astronomer: Tips, Tales, and Tours for the Casual Stargazer" is based on the most widely-read articles from One-Minute Astronomer, a website that provides readers with accessible, interesting, and accurate information related to stargazing and the science of astronomy. Articles in the e-book include "tips" to help stargazers see more in the night sky and select their own equipment, "tales" to introduce readers to historical events and to remarkable astronomers who changed the course of science with their astonishing discoveries, and "tours" to help readers find and enjoy dozens of beautiful and fascinating objects in the night sky. The articles include illustrations and detailed star maps.

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