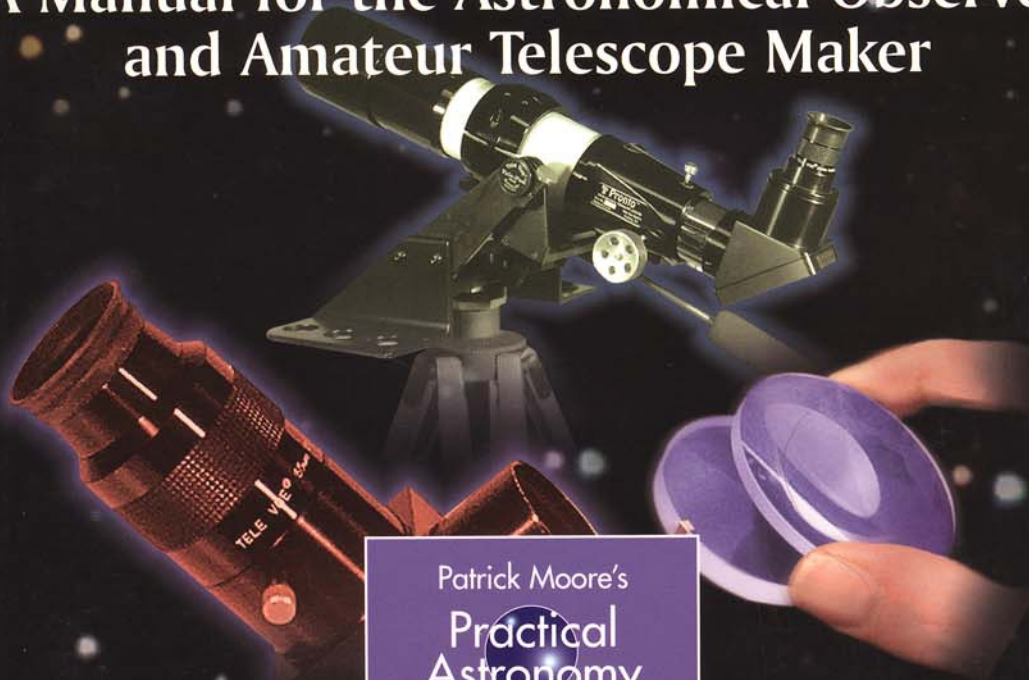


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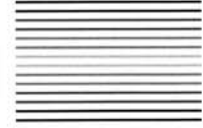
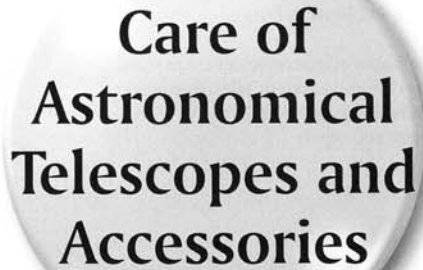

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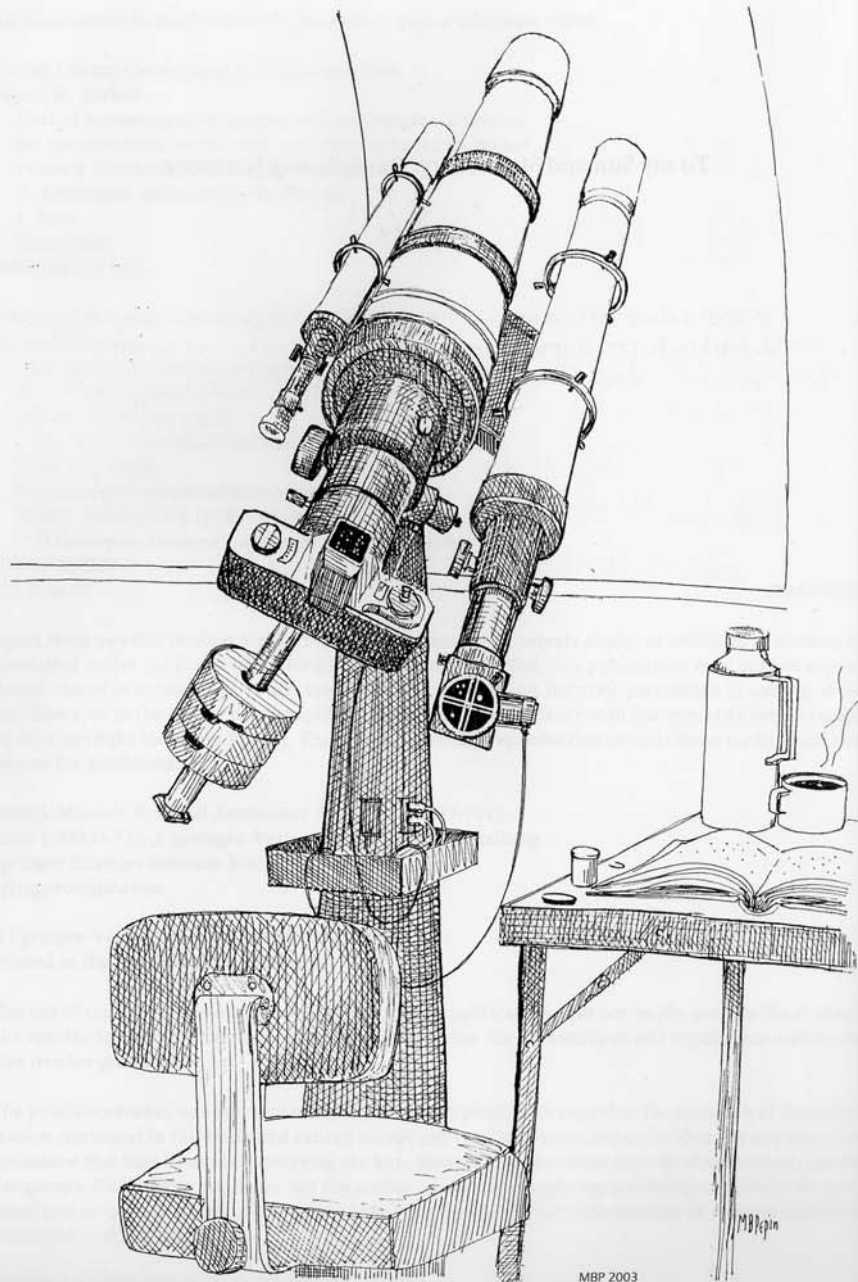
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Foreword

Acknowledgments

Many new books about astronomical telescopes are published each year, but this one, by M. Barlow Pepin, is unlike any other – at least as far as I know.

The emphasis has shifted lately. Amateur telescope making is less popular than it used to be because professionally made telescopes are much cheaper than they were only a year or two ago. But there is no point in having a good telescope unless it is well cared for, and many observers pay too little attention to this. It is not only a question of common sense; expert guidance is also needed, and in this book M. Barlow Pepin gives it. He goes into detail with regard to all aspects of telescope care and maintenance, and even experienced observers will learn a great deal from it.

Astronomy is one of the very few sciences in which amateurs can make valuable contributions, but good, well-maintained equipment is essential. If you want to get the best out of your telescopes and other astronomical instruments, then this is the book for you.

Sir Patrick Moore CBE, FRS