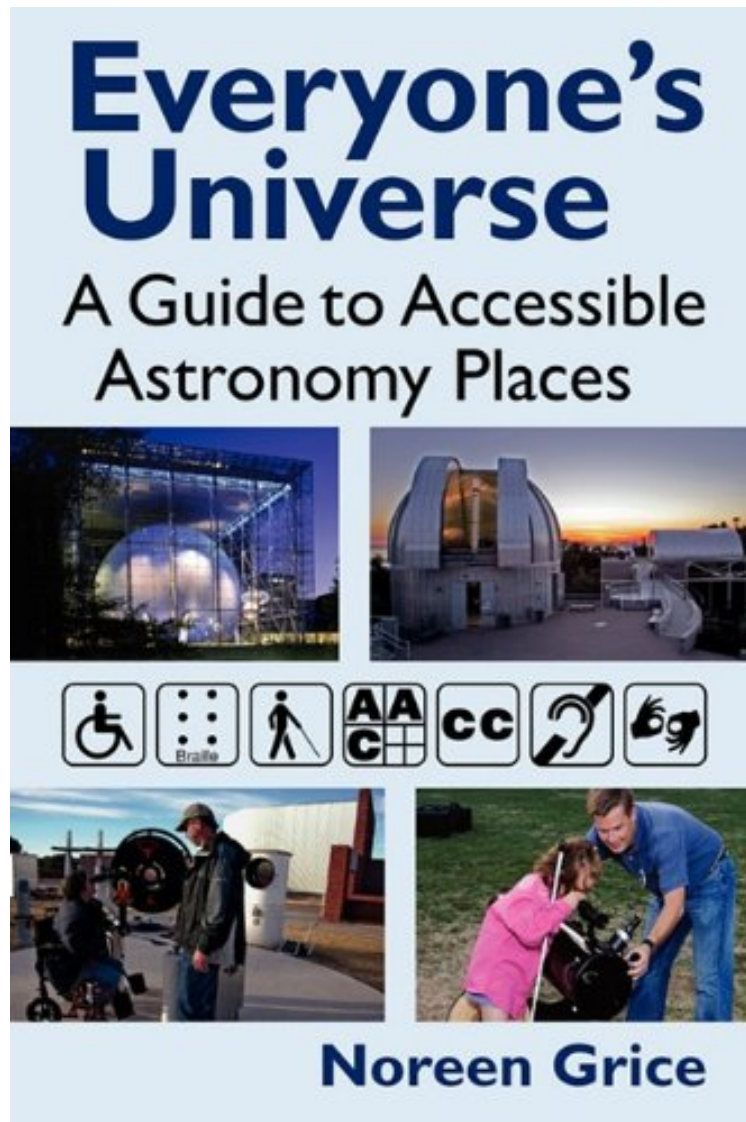


# Everyone's Universe: A Guide to Accessible Astronomy Places

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**Noreen A Grice : Everyone's Universe: A Guide to Accessible Astronomy Places** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Everyone's Universe: A Guide to Accessible Astronomy Places:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great first edition of what I hope will run to many moreBy C. M. LevinI am an officer in the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt, a club of amateur astronomers, I volunteer at the Owens Science Center in Maryland, which has the largest planetarium dome in the state. I already knew about Ms.

Grice's work on astronomy for people with visual impairments when I learned that she wrote this book. The club wants to do well by all of its neighbors, so a book on making our subject more accessible to people with disabilities was something we felt we had to get. The book discusses ways to make astronomy accessible, with interpreters, tactile images, c., examples in many states of how these have been implemented, mainly by institutions with solid financial backing, but many of the ways discussed do not need a lot of money. For instance, if the owners of a 19th century observatory want to open it to the public, they may want to have another telescope nearby, like an Astroscan, that could be used by people with disabilities. I hope that her list of accessible facilities grows over the years, perhaps to such a degree that it will become a stand-alone directory.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Everyone's Universe, by Noreen Grice By Steve Dodson, Stargazer Steve Every stargazer knows the joy of looking up, leaving the everyday behind for a moment, to perceive the vast beauty of the Universe. Such moments are a cherished aspect of the human experience! But what about the 30 million Americans (about 10%) who are challenged by disabilities which make getting around, seeing, or communicating difficult? If you look around at star parties and other astronomical activities presented by astronomy clubs, observatories, planetariums, and science museums, you will not often see disabled persons. Some disabilities are invisible, but many have been discouraged by barriers to participation, or simply unaware that participation was even possible. Can they find ways to participate in Astronomy? Can astronomy clubs and presenters find ways to eliminate barriers and make the Universe accessible? The answer to both questions is an emphatic "Yes!", says astronomer Noreen Grice, author of "Everyone's Universe". In this Fascinating, Empowering, Practical, and Concise guide, the author shows how easy it is to overcome every manner of accessibility challenge in Astronomy. Using simple tools and ideas she developed over the past 26 years, astronomy presenters and telescope people can demolish barriers and connect disabled people with the Universe. Even the blind can do Astronomy!... Noreen lays out all the avenues of participation she has discovered in an extremely lucid, direct, and easy to follow style. Her ingenious methods, including "tactile images" and touchable star charts, involve no significant cash outlay. The main requirements are a desire to share astronomy and willingness to communicate in more than one way. If you have not enjoyed astronomy events and programs because of a disability, you will find a guide to accessible astronomical places (many of which use approaches and books developed by the author) in Part II. If you would like more information or would like to share your experiences (as participant or as a presenter), you are encouraged to visit [youcandoastronomy.com](http://youcandoastronomy.com). Anyone who has watched another's eyes filling with wonder at their first sighting of Saturn's Rings or the mountains of the Moon through a telescope remembers the excitement of that shared event. How much more so if the eyes belong to a person who had previously felt excluded! The rewards are worth the effort. This excellent guide by Noreen Grice will show you and your fellow astronomy resource people the way to open the Universe to Everyone. Steve Dodson, Stargazer Steve

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Remember how excited you felt the first time you looked at the moon through a telescope? How you wanted to scan the sky and see what other hidden gems were hiding in the darkness? Now imagine that you were not welcome or allowed to look through the telescope. Millions of people are denied this opportunity because astronomy facilities are not accessible to them. This book provides strategies and resources to remove barriers and make observing sessions welcoming and accessible for people of all abilities. If you are an astronomy educator, you can help make the universe accessible! And if you are an astronomy enthusiast, use this state-by-state guide to find accessible destinations.