



The Stars in Song and Legend (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Albrecht Durer (illustrator). Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The writer of this notice has for several years had in mind the preparation of a book connecting the study of the constellations with classical legends and folklore referring to them, but Dr. Porter s elegant little volume makes it unnecessary to proceed further with the matter. The remarkable discoveries of modern astronomy have caused people to leave the study of the sky to observatories, whereas the most interesting observations can be made with the naked eye. Before learning about spectrum analysis applied to celestial bodies, or the surface markings on planets as revealed by the telescope, students of astronomy should become familiar with the skies, note the stars in the seasons, the relative positions of the sun and moon during a lunation, the apparent motions of planets and similar phenomena. These appearances were followed with intelligence thousands of years ago, yet most people to-day are unacquainted with them. In early days the heavens were closer to the earth than they are now; so we find that classical myth often has an astronomical significance, the constellations...



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