



Dark Skies Britain & Ireland

A Star-Gazer's Guide

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A unique and beautiful colour guide to the best dark sky spots around the British Isles

New title in the bestselling 'Bradt on Britain' series, backed by a far-reaching media and digital marketing campaign

Details of over 150 discovery sites, with full profiles of the 16 'Certified Sites' – the best places to observe the night sky

Packed with practical information for the beginner and experienced stargazer alike

Special chapters on what to spot in the night sky, mythology and folklore in the stars and a guide to nocturnal wildlife

Stargazing is experiencing a surge in popularity in the UK. In 2020, the British Astronomical Association reported a sharp rise in the number of people getting in touch and using their online resources to find out more about the hobby. Whether it's due to lockdown, Brian Cox-style TV shows, or simply an existential interest in what lies beyond our troubled planet, more and more people are looking up at the stars above our heads.

The Dark Skies of Britain and Ireland is the perfect resource for anyone wanting to explore the night sky – and some beautiful countryside down here on Earth.

Tiffany Francis-Baker is a nature writer and illustrator from Hampshire. Her third book *Dark Skies* was published with Bloomsbury in 2019, a nature memoir exploring our relationship with the landscape at night. As part of her research, she travelled to various Dark Sky sites around the UK and Europe. She watched wild beavers in Devon, hiked through a haunted yew forest in Sussex and listened to migratory birds on an autumn night. In 2019, she was also a writer-in-residence for Forestry England's centenary project. She has written for a number of national publications and appeared on BBC Radio 4 and Channel 4.



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