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Night Sky Playing Cards: Playing With The Constellations (Nature's Wild Cards)



Synopsis

Play cards and learn about constellations! Play your favorite card games while studying the constellations. Based on the award-winning Night Sky field guide by Jonathan Poppele, this gorgeous deck of playing cards features 52 different constellations, and each suit represents a different season. So you'll know what to look for and when to look for it. The deck can also be used as flash cards. Learning the constellations has never been so much fun!

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Customer Reviews

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I ordered these cards as a gift for my husband and we both love them! They arrived in good condition and all are in good shape. We looked through them right after we received them in the mail and they were a lot of fun to look at and I already learned quite a bit! Each card has a different constellation on it, along with the name of the constellation, the pronunciation, the translation, and a more detailed picture with a drawing of what the full constellation looks like (in theory? :)). They also have the best season for viewing on each card and they are organized by suit. For example, the heart suit is all spring. I especially liked that they have the pronunciation on the cards for the names of the constellations and that each card is different. The constellations are also organized by difficulty or ease in ability to find them in the sky. For a comprehensive example, the Ace of hearts is Ursa Major, which is pronounced ER-suh MAY-jur, means "the great bear", is easier to find in the sky (so it is a high card), and is easiest to spot in the Spring. We haven't actually played with the cards yet, but I am sure we will and they seem like they will be great. We are excited to use them for game night. The only issues we have noticed are pretty minimal. They are fit very tightly into the box so they are somewhat difficult to get in and out, but it is doable. The other is that they are slightly larger than normal cards so they would not easily mix with other decks. This is only an issue if this is something that you need to do, or an easy fix for that would be to just buy as many decks as you need of this deck! :)

Beautiful Cards with beautiful pictures of the constellations I loved the deck of cards, but they were too dark for me. I gave them to my 10 year old grandson and he loves them. He has very good eyes. Black Background did not interfere with his interest in the stars.

The images are alright, but these are more like flash cards than something I would actually play a card game with. I wish there was some indication of where to find these constellations in the sky as well.

I haven't actually PLAYED cards with them yet,...only gone through them, looking at the information. Durability seems like it may be an issue, since some of the edges of mine have already peeled a little. Would be nice if they were laminated, or the edges treated for protection.

So, the hand pointing at the sky is on every card which I didn't realize. I was hoping it would just be the night sky on each card. For some reason, that hand on there really bugs me. It's like having your thumb show up in a photo you took, or something. The cards themselves are thick and seem to be

good quality. I like all the information on each of them as it makes for a lot of different game possibilities.

The constellations are not all clearly marked (green lines trace out some of the stars, but not all, as in Aries, for example, where there are two lines going to three stars, when the major stars in the constellation number more than that). Also have an issue with other constellations not going by the expected name (Ophiucus instead of Ophiuchus). Lastly, some of the constellations are not pictured in the same angle as other guides have them (the view looks like it's coming from a different direction).

My husband loves astronomy and I thought this would be a cute gift. He loved it. The way the cards were organized was also cool. The suits are based on the seasons of the constillations. Also the Ace is the brightest and most visable constillation and then they go down in brightness and visibility.

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