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Supernovae mark the deaths of massive stars or of white dwarfs in binary systems, and are unbelievably violent events. Even when they occur in galaxies millions of light years away they can be within the reach of amateur astronomers' telescopes.

More than 400 supernovae have already been discovered by amateurs.

Supernovae and How to Observe Them is a mine of information for all levels of amateur astronomer, from relative beginners to experienced observers. Whether you are interested in the supernova physics, observing supernovae and supernova remnants, measuring their spectra or even discovering new supernovae yourself, this book provides all the information you need.

About the Author

Martin Mobberley has a BSc Honours degree in Electronic Engineering from Brunel University, and is a former British Astronomical Association President and Goodacre Medallist.

He is also the author of *Astronomical Equipment for Amateurs* (1998) and *The New Amateur Astronomer* (2004); and has contributed chapters to three other Springer Practical Astronomy Series Books. He wrote the children's book *Space Navigator*, and has published many papers in *Astronomy Now*, *The Journal of the British Astronomical Association*, *The Astronomer*, and *Sky & Telescope*.

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