

Follow the Drinking Gourd Night Sky Stories: An Enchanting Journey Through the Celestial Wonders

As darkness descends, the night sky transforms into a celestial canvas, adorned with twinkling stars and enigmatic constellations. For centuries, these celestial bodies have captivated the human imagination, inspiring awe and wonder. In the rich tapestry of African American folklore, the night sky holds a special significance, as it served as a guide for enslaved people seeking freedom along the Underground Railroad.



Follow the Drinking Gourd (Night Sky Stories)

by Ulrich Renz

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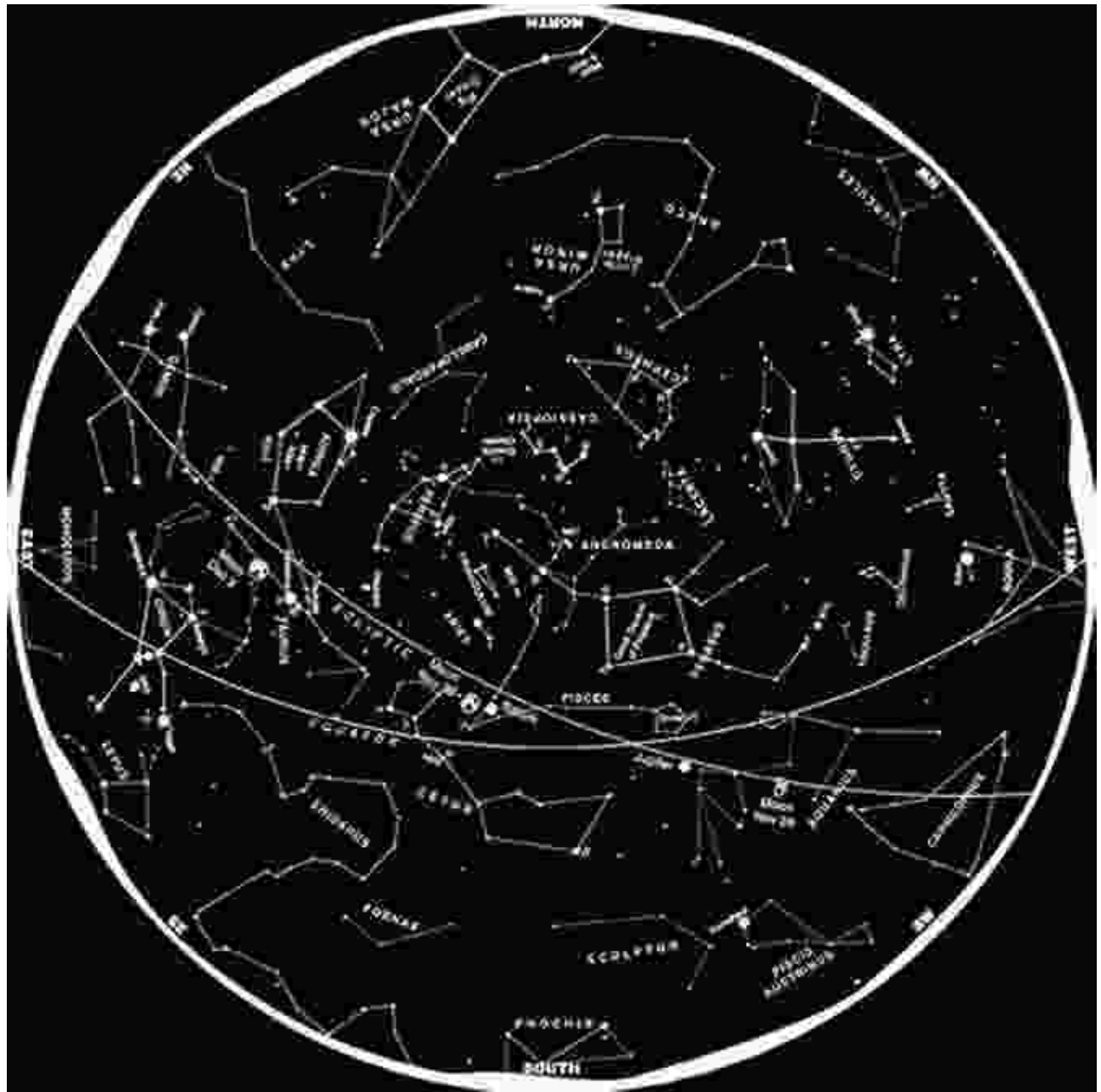
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Now, "Follow the Drinking Gourd Night Sky Stories" invites you on an extraordinary journey through the night sky, illuminating the constellations with the wisdom of African American traditions. This enchanting book, written by award-winning author Julius Lester and illustrated by renowned artist Michael Hays, is a testament to the resilience and ingenuity of a people who found solace and guidance in the stars.



The Drinking Gourd: A Celestial Beacon of Freedom

At the heart of this narrative lies the legend of the "Drinking Gourd," a coded message passed down through generations of enslaved Africans. The "gourd," representing the Big Dipper constellation, served as a celestial guidepost, pointing the way north towards freedom.

Lester's lyrical prose weaves together historical accounts, astronomical observations, and African American folklore, creating a compelling tapestry that brings the night sky to life. Each constellation becomes a character in its own right, with its unique story and significance. The Big Dipper transforms into a celestial river, guiding runaway slaves to safer lands. The North Star becomes a symbol of hope, unwavering and guiding the way towards liberation.

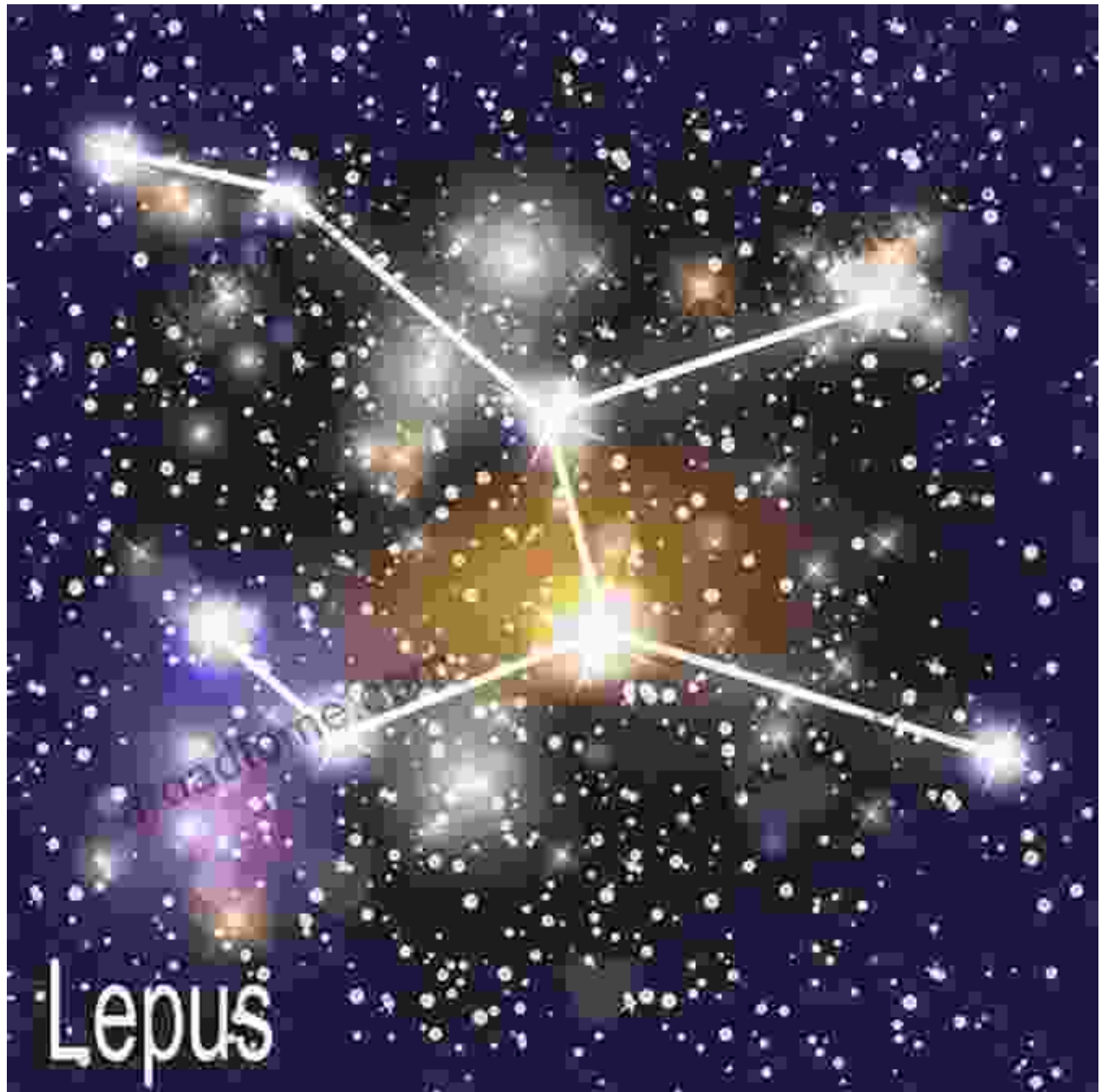


Discover the hidden message of the Big Dipper, a celestial beacon that illuminated the path to freedom.

Cosmic Connections and Cultural Heritage

"Follow the Drinking Gourd Night Sky Stories" not only tells the story of the Underground Railroad but also explores the profound connection between African American culture and the cosmos. The constellations are imbued with cultural significance, reflecting the beliefs, traditions, and aspirations of a people who found solace in the stars.

Lester draws upon a wealth of African American folklore, weaving together tales of trickster figures, animal spirits, and celestial beings. The Trickster Rabbit, a symbol of resourcefulness and resilience, outwits the powerful Bear constellation in a cosmic chase. The Monkey constellation represents the mischievous nature of humanity, forever climbing and searching for something more.



An Educational and Inspiring Adventure

Beyond its captivating storytelling, "Follow the Drinking Gourd Night Sky Stories" is also an invaluable educational resource. The book includes detailed star charts and descriptions of constellations, making it an ideal companion for backyard stargazing or classroom exploration.

The stories and insights contained within these pages foster a deeper understanding of African American history and culture, while also inspiring curiosity and imagination. Children and adults alike will be mesmerized by the wonders of the night sky and the resilience of a people who found hope and guidance in the stars.



Inspire a future generation of stargazers and storytellers with the magic of the night sky.

"Follow the Drinking Gourd Night Sky Stories" is a captivating masterpiece that transcends the boundaries of storytelling. It is a testament to the power of the human spirit, the enduring legacy of African American culture, and the awe-inspiring wonders of the celestial realm.

Immerse yourself in this enchanting journey through the night sky, where constellations dance with history, folklore, and imagination. "Follow the

Drinking Gourd Night Sky Stories" is a must-read for anyone seeking inspiration, knowledge, and a deeper connection to the universe above.

Free Download your copy today and embark on an unforgettable adventure!



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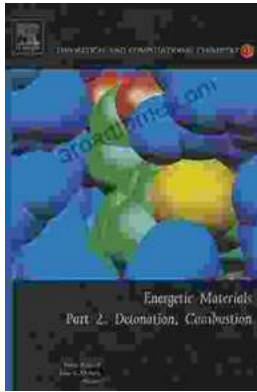
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