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Michael Covington is one of America's leading amateur astronomers and author of the highly acclaimed Astrophotography for the Amateur (Cambridge University Press, Second Edition, 1999).

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