



Charles Grover was born into a working-class household in Buckinghamshire in 1842 and apprenticed to a brush-maker at the age of twelve, but he went on to become one of the best known amateur astronomers in Victorian England.

After viewing his first comet - Donati's in 1858 - he turned his attention to astronomy and, in 1882, he took the chance of a lifetime and travelled to Australia for the Transit of Venus as the assistant to Cuthbert Peek, the heir to a baronetcy.

On his return, he took charge of the new observatory that Peek built in the grounds of his father's house at Rousdon in Devon and was best known for his work on variable stars.

This book tells the story of a lifelong enthusiasm and his extraordinary journey to view an astronomical event on the other side of the world.

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