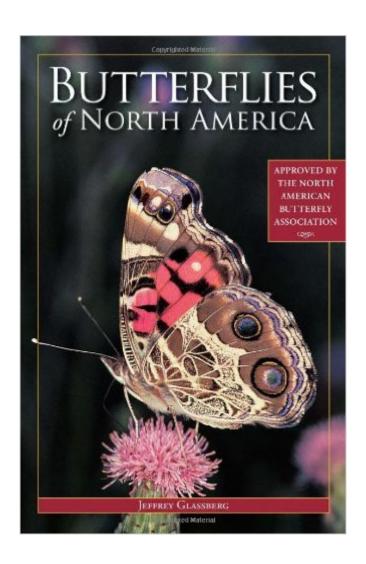
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Synopsis

Enter the magical world of butterflies with Jeffrey Glassberg, president of the North American Butterfly Association and driving force behind the current revolution in butterfly watching. This user-friendly guide, lavishly illustrated with more than 160 species, provides invaluable information for those who want identify almost any North American butterfly, create a butterfly-friendly garden, use the new breed of close-range binoculars, and protect butterfly environments.

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Customer Reviews

This review is on the 2010 edition published by Fall River Press. As with my birding, a passion of mine for over 50 years now, where I carry more than one field guide with me when I am out and about, the same hold true for butterflying. I use Kaufman's guide and I use the one being reviewed here. I don't think that any one single guide is adequate when watching or studying wildlife and to be frank, I get a bit annoyed when I cannot identify a group or species. There are over 600 known butterflies that make their home in the lower 48 states. This book goes far in giving you the ability to identify a great many of them. Now this is important! This work will not cover each and every single species and subspecies of butterflies you are likely to encounter, it will cover all of the major ones and it most certainly gives you a good representation of all of the known groups. In the author's words: "Because many of the six hundred species fund in the Lower 48 states of the United States are very similar to one another, the approach I have taken in this book, with many of these groups, is to allow you to identify an unknown butterfly to group, rather than to species." If after experience, you decide that you would like to identify butterflies to specific species, even in difficult groups, then

you can use my `Butterflies through Binoculars' series to do so."Now I am not a lister...yet, so I find this approach quite workable for what I want. I spend a lot of time photographing these creatures and once I make general field notes, get a good shot, then it is easy enough to check specific species...difficult though in many cases if you are not an expert.I find the photographs in this work to be clear and quite concise.

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