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Smithsonian Handbooks are the most visually appealing guides on the natural world in the book marketplace. Featuring more than 500 full-color illustrations and photographs, along with detailed annotations, Smithsonian Handbooks make identification easy and accurate.

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Reference

Age Range: 7 - 9 years

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Customer Reviews

Like all the books in this series "Reptiles and Amphibians" gives a species by species look at a huge variety of creatures. From Chameleons to Cobras this book has a great selection. There are not many field guides out there with such fantastic and detailed photos so I suggest it for anyone who loves the to some "unlovable" slimy or scaly creatures of our world.

First off I'd just like to say that this book is great for getting your foot into Herpetology. It quickly gets you acquainted with all the different types of reptiles and amphibians and what makes a reptile a reptile and what makes an amphibian an amphibian. The pictures are great and the book as a whole is very well put together. My only thing is that the length measurements are off. They list the chinese box turtle (*Cuora flavomarginata*) as only reaching 4-4.5" long. Which is wrong and anyone that is into turtles knows that they can get up to 7 inches. And the African Spur Thighed Tortoise

aka. Sulcatta is listed as only reaching 12-15". They can EASILY reach 30" long and the largest on record is 41.6". I never leave reviews, but I just wanted to share this because it makes me question the integrity of the other information as well. I love the book though and it is a great reference guide!

While it appears like a field guide, and arguably it is, if you live in North America, this is not a great book. It misses a lot. It's basically a book that gives a sample of reptiles around the world but is useless for identification in any one location. So, if you are looking to learn a lot about different reptiles around the world, then this is a good book. If you are looking for a field guide to North America pass. It's too bad, because the pictures and descriptions are great, but they are just incomplete for each region. I would love one of these focused just on North America.

I've the same book but a french one, it is the most useful book a reptiles' lover must have. It is simple to read, to understand. There's a good introduction to reptiles classifications (which is not obvious for begginers), the "identity card" for each animal is well conceived. A good book to bring for travelling.

My grandson, who's a young authority on reptiles and amphibians, started reading this book the moment he received it for Christmas. He tells us it's got great info; and having his own roomful of these creatures, he should know.

This book helped my Grandson understand Reptiles and Amphibians. Some are a problem but some are not. He has many fears as his Mother is scared to death of creatures. Books like this give a comfortable way to understand what is bad and what is good in the animal kingdom.

i am 16 and i love herps of all kinds, snakes frogs and especially lizards i have many lizard pets ranging from jacksons chameleon to crested geckos to crested geckos and others. this book is a good quick reference and helps me find out about other lizards

My 7 year old LOVES this book! The photos are great (better than illustrations) and I can read all the details to him. Every little boy should have this set of books!

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