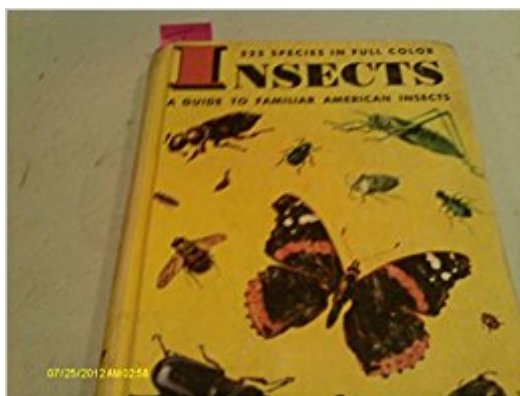


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I consider this book a perfect primer on the subject of insects. I have always taken a copy of it on every interstate trip I have ever gone on to answer the inevitable question. "Daddy, what kind of bug is this?" The text is clear and concise. The illustrations are perfect, extremely accurate, lifelike, as well as pleasing to the eye. And the little maps adjoining every text are a very clever way to deliver that information without taking up a lot space. The quality and format of the entire Zim natural history sets the standard for all the rest. This is a quick reference format. One animal, one page of info and a portrait of said creature. The illustrations are top notch, perfectly done to show the subject in life like detail and coloration. I have always found the paintings to be much more pleasing to the eye than dead photographs. It should be noted that this is a quick reference guide, not an encyclopedia. While every major or common insect family may be covered, this is not meant to include every species of beetle or butterfly in the continental USA. There are a number of more comprehensive field guides that attempt that heady task. This is a general guide to illustrate the most common or conspicuous creatures found in a given area. I was first given this book, along with several other Zim guide books on different animal groups, mammals, fish, and reptiles. I read and reread them because they sparked my curiosity about each subject to the point that no one had to prod me into opening them. Today there are hundreds of flamboyantly illustrated, oversize tomes written in any number of styles. Many times they are full of dramatic photographs with amazing close ups. But after looking up a particular insect one can easily come away wondering what the bug actually looks like. Other tomes are huge and meant to be, they are covering the most ubiquitous form of life on earth. But whether shopping for a budding back yard naturalist, or to

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