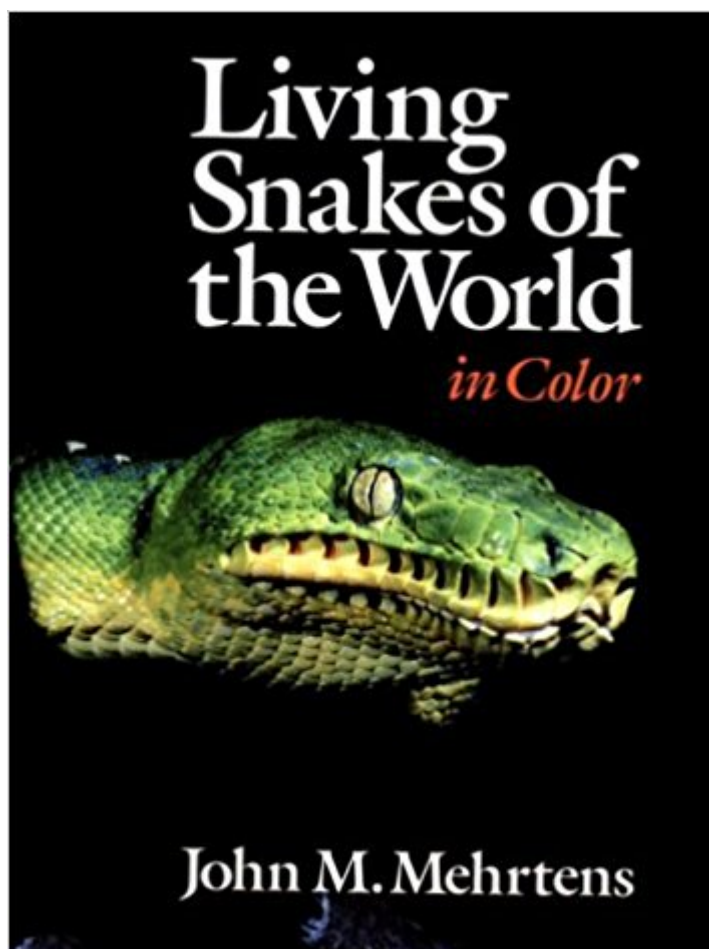


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# Living Snakes Of The World In Color



## Synopsis

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This book contains 540 high-quality color photographs of captive snakes, each with a one-page description of the reptile's geographic range, ecological niche, and captive care requirements. Special precautions are noted for venomous species. Although arranged taxonomically, the book is not keyed to allow the identification of unknown specimens. The attractive color photography and vast number of snakes mentioned, 413 species and 454 subspecies, will make this book a unique reference and of value to a wide range of readers from young adults to herpetologists. Highly recommended. Frank Reiser, Nassau Community Coll., Garden City, N.Y. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is the second time I have owned this book. I made the mistake of lending it out, and unfortunately it was never returned. So, this one will stay in my collection! Living Snakes of the World is the most informative and complete reference type book that I have ever read about snakes. I highly recommend this to beginners and pro herpetologists alike. There's something for everybody!

can say with confidence that you will find yourself reading and re-reading this book many times over the years. So make sure you keep it within reach ...and never lend it out!

This book attempts to provide expansive coverage of snakes commonly seen by the public in zoos, private collections, and the pet trade. Ultimately, I was a bit disappointed by the book. This book provides minimal, and I do mean minimal, coverage of "164 genera, 413 species, and 454 subspecies" according to the dust jacket. Of necessity, the amount of coverage devoted to each snake is limited. Still there's enough text to provide an overview of the species. Unfortunately, the book fails to mention many of the species that are currently available as reptile pets. More than half of the book is devoted to poisonous snakes, most of which the average reader is unlikely ever to encounter. I would have traded, say, the 15 pages of coverage on poisonous sea snakes for more discussion of snakes I'd be likely to see in my backyard or neighborhood pet store. Additionally, because the book is now over 10 years old, its taxonomy for a number of species is not longer correct or complete. One of the big distinctions of this book is that it provides color photographs of all the species it describes. In most cases, the photographs range from good to excellent. This makes the blurry and out-of-focus pictures (e.g. Dumeril's boa on pp. 23 and blood python on pp. 59) stick out like a sore thumb. Some of these problems may be related to the printing of my copy, but in a number of cases the problems are a result of poor photographic technique. Especially frustrating when the species being photographed is commonly available! Still, these flaws are forgivable when compared against the general quality of the book. "Living Snakes of the World in Color" succeeds at providing a pictorial introduction to hundreds of species of snake. Those uninterested in poisonous snakes, or those looking for comprehensive coverage of snakes available as "pets" might be better off with another book (although I have yet to find a reasonably priced book that fits the bill).

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This was a gift for my Granddaughter at Christmass. (she loves snakes) She is 5 years old, and she was with us for a week at Christmas. She carried that book with her every where she went, So that makes this book very important and was just what she wanted. Thanks for offering such a good book.

If you like snakes, and want to see them at their finest, then you need to find yourself a copy of John

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