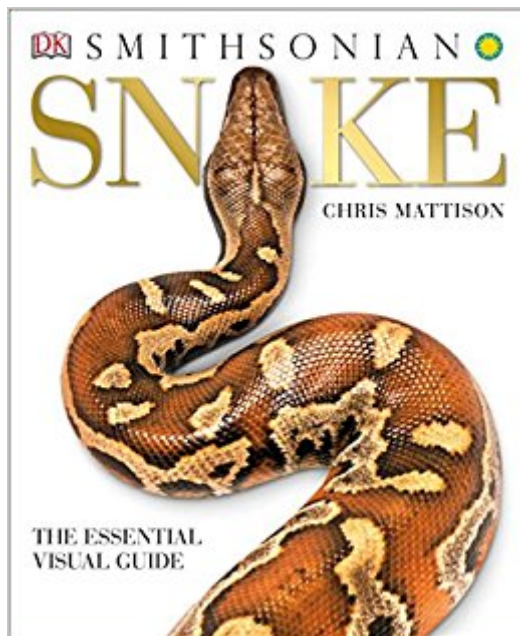


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# Snake



## Synopsis

A comprehensive, best-selling guide to more than 3,000 snake species for fans of snakes, snake owners, and students is now in an updated second edition produced in association with the Smithsonian Institution. Get to know more than 3,000 snakes from around the world, from the familiar, massive Green Anaconda to the deadly Tropical Rattlesnake, the Reticulated Python, Red-Spitting Cobra, Puff Adder, Gaboon Viper, and more. Learn about the lesser-known dainty Leopard Snake, whose bright markings trick predators and often humans into thinking it is a deadly viper. Snake uses gorgeous, full-color photographs of 60 snakes to showcase what makes these reptiles so extraordinary, and includes more than 450 illustrations and detailed close-up photographs that show the snakes in action. Herpetology expert and wildlife photographer Chris Mattison accompanies each profile with fascinating snake facts and trivia on the snake's physical and behavioral characteristics, information about habitats, reproductive behavior, feeding, defense, and more. Plus, the updated, easy-to-reference Snake Directory lists every snake species within the 18 snake families, including little-known and rarely sighted species. Snake is a beautiful and comprehensive guide to some of nature's more compelling animals.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Slither into DK's Snake and you'll find yourself tantalized. Or is that terrorized? Either way, snake aficionados, and those looking to increase their appreciation of snakes, should not miss this

gorgeous, full-color guide to the legless reptiles. Chris Mattison, a herpetologist and wildlife photographer, has gathered a concise compendium of facts, myths, and unbelievable images, with familiar as well as little-known species highlighted. While not zoologically comprehensive, Snake does provide a good sense of the diversity of these lovely and misunderstood animals. From the intricate patterns of the harmless checkered garter snake to the sheer magnificence of the deadly, 11.5-foot-long black mamba, each snake is presented with its best scale forward. Snake is full of great herpetological trivia, and the photos are sharply detailed close-ups. --Therese Littleton --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kindergarten-Grade 3. A brief introduction to 12 different snakes ranging from the boa constrictor to the everglades rat snake. Close-up, full-color photographs set against stark white backgrounds allow readers to see the details of each reptile's body. A dramatic four-page foldout reveals a reticulated python. The text is sparse and the pictures are not labeled, making this title useless for school reports. However, for snake enthusiasts, it's an enjoyable book for browsing. Patricia Lauber's *Snakes Are Hunters* (HarperCollins, 1988) is a much better choice for general information. For more in-depth details on specific snakes, the "Snake Discovery Library" (Rourke) and the "Fangs! An Imagination Library" series (Gareth Stevens) are both superior choices. ?Katherine Borchert, Arlington Central Library, VA Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I bought this to give as a gift to someone who keeps pet snakes. He loved it. It's a big substantial book with lots of great photography. I recommend it for anyone who loves snakes.

Didn't have the information I needed in it. Thought it would tell us what the snake we had here in lower Alabama. Kept it for a coffee table book, but it wasn't any help to us. Nice big book tho.

Excellent book with beautiful pictures and loaded with information for both kids and adults!

Really good  
Wanted more on American snakes of the South and Southwest

Our six year old grandson was THRILLED with this! The book is HUGE and will really grow with him over the years ~ beautiful pics, tons of great info, index in the back. His dad poured over it as much as he did! Two thumbs up!

I LOVED THIS BOOK SO MANY COOL SNAKE AND VERY COLORFUL PICTURES.....PLUS I LOVE ALL KINDS OF SNAKES

Fun informative book and worth having in your personal animal kingdom library.

Wow! This book is the ultimate if you are a snake lover, like my son! The cover is textured like snake scales and the pictures and descriptions within the book itself are amazing! Smithsonian never disappoints!

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