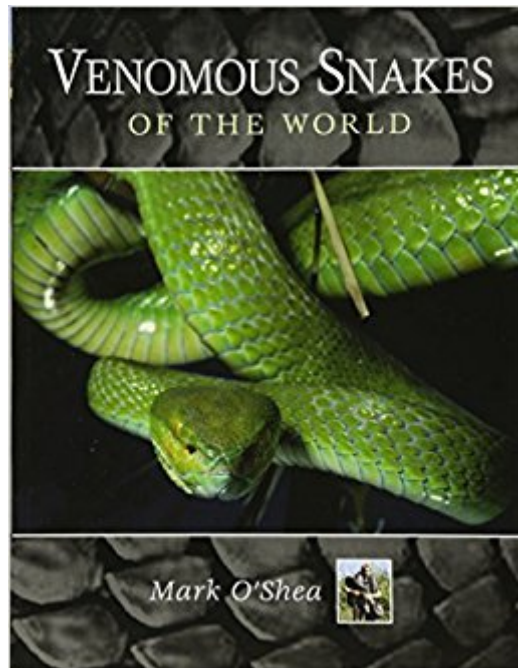




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Venomous Snakes Of The World



Synopsis

Feared, revered, and often misunderstood, venomous snakes have been a source of legend and nightmare since time immemorial. In this comprehensive volume, author Mark O'Shea has combined expertly written, in-depth descriptions of the world's common and exotic venomous snakes, highlighted by previously unpublished gripping accounts of his adventures with snakes, including personal observations and several serious snakebite episodes. The book begins with a description of the anatomies of venomous snakes, along with their diversity and distribution. Also included is a unique in-depth look at the various types of snake venom and the ways that each type attacks the body. A section on anti-venom, including thoughts on the looming anti-venom crisis, is also presented. Information on the adaptations of ocean-dwelling snakes and issues of snake conservation as well as an examination of venomous lizards follow. From bamboo pitvipers to deep-diving seasnakes, and from adders and asps to terciopelos and the massasaugas, this book takes an original approach to examining these enthralling creatures. Rather than the typical taxonomic categorization, the snakes are grouped by geographic location: the Americas, Africa, Eurasia, Tropical Asia, Australasia, and the Oceans. Each section is illustrated with stunning and rare pictures, many of which were taken by the author himself. Suitable for professional snake handlers and armchair herpetologists alike, this extremely accessible book is an enthusiastic celebration of the diversity and beauty of venomous snakes worldwide. Explores the secret world of venomous snakes, revealing their habitats, characteristics, and hunting and feeding behaviors Contains thrilling details of O'Shea's own encounters with snakes Provides detailed information on venomous snake diversity, venom types, and conservation Includes a world map illustrating venomous snake distribution and detailed accounts of more than 170 species Features over 150 full-color photographs, many of them of extremely rare species

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"This is a large book with more than 150 quality full-color photographs, some of which may frighten the serpent-phobic."--Alvin Hutchinson, Library Journal
"Poisonous snakes have been part of human legends - and nightmares - since the beginning of time. O'Shea, a reptile expert and television host, brings to life the world of serpents from around the world [with] hundreds of stunning, often rare, photographs."--The Globe & Mail
"[D]azzling, a photographic journey among the scaly and the lethal."--Anneli Rufus, East Bay Express
"If you want a world of information on venomous snakes then look no further than Venomous Snakes of the World. I promise you that you will find the text entertaining and the photos unforgettable."--The Flying Mullet

Mark O'Shea, curator of reptiles at West Midland Safari Park (U.K.), has participated in more than sixty fieldwork and filming exhibitions, traveling to every continent except Antarctica.

Got this book for my 5 year old son because he loves snakes and he is obsessed with it! He sits for 30 - 40 minutes at a time carefully going through the book and looking at all the photos. I was concerned there may not be enough full color photos of the snakes but there are tons of great pictures. If you are getting this for a child one word of caution. Towards the beginning of the book there are a few photos of reactions to snake bites that are pretty graphic. My son was ok with it but I wasn't expecting that. Other than that if you have a snake lover in the family this is a great choice!

Nice

A great read for the hobby herpetologist. Well written and astonishing photographs. Not detailed enough to be boring but enough information to really learn a lot. But rather poorly edited, lots of typos and partial sentences.

When our son (10) said that he wanted to study snakes I did some research on which book to

purchase. Decided on this one and have not been disappointed. Well written with photographic illustrations. Each snake has the Latin name included, a paragraph unique to each snake & then the following information: Range Max. length Venom Habitat Prey Reproduction Similar Species Highly recommended.

Pictures are superb albeit on the small side but insightful information with some very interesting facts that have thus far been largely either unknown or unclear. Very happy with the 2011 updated info with this edition. Actually bought it for my 4+ year-old who's fascinated by snakes and we both enjoy the book. If you love learning about snakes and are fascinated by these amazing creatures, I urge you to buy the book. Worth the money !

Great book

beautifully photographed and accurately discussed

Purchased as a gift for my nephew and he was thrilled when he received this book. The photos are beautiful (as beautiful as snakes can be) and the information is educational and kept him interested. He is 12 and wants to be a venomologist so this was a perfect gift for a young man.

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