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frequently found with fish's spines sticking out through their body walls. The snakes generally recover without complications." Now that's something you don't find in any old snake book!)My boy likes to tell me little snake-related facts he's learned while reading, and anything that gets a child excited about reading and nature is great in my opinion.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great books on Snakes of the SoutheastBy stereo buffI own 125 books on snakes and I consider this book right up there with some of my best books on geographic areas.The photography is excellent as is the writing.This book is much more than a field guide and has information on Conservation,Snakes as Pets, plus covers introduced exotic snakes.All in all a very enjoyable book to read and learn from.Buy it,you won't regret it.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice book to have if you live by a pond or lakeBy ChainsawNutsI bought this book to educate my kids about snakes as we live next to a pond. The pictures are nice but I wish they would include more variations of the same snake as so many snakes can be the same kind but there marking so different. We have banded water snakes. This book did not teach me that - a contractor at my house did when he saw one on my property. I had no idea what kind of snake it was but when Googled I was very happy to find they are not poisonous or aggressive at all.

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