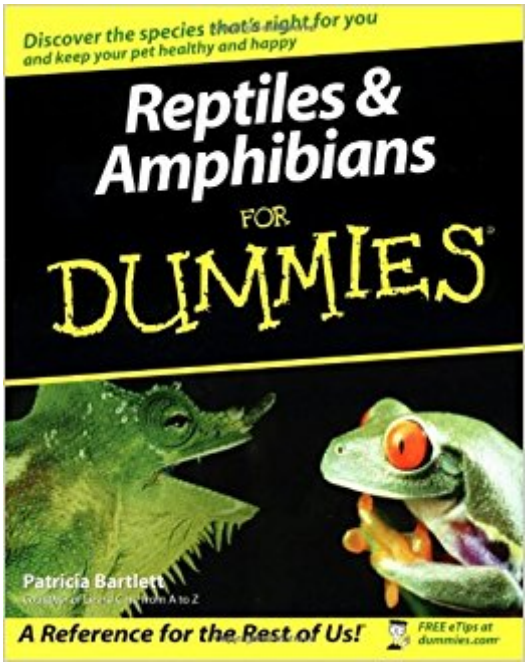
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Patricia Bartlett has coauthored more than 35 books on reptiles and amphibians with her husband,

Richard. She contributes regularly to Reptile and Amphibian Hobbyist.

Some of this book I feel like is just the author guessing at what might be true, it seems disorganized because it covers so many species. If you plan on getting a reptile or amphibian, get a more specific book that is correct 100% of the time, and if you are unsure of the type you want then get a hold of some Reptiles Magazine copies or something that can help you chose. I would not recommend this book for beginners or more experienced keepers.

I understand this book says for Dummies but seriously... it is... and I think this book is way to small to cover such a broad range of Reptiles and Amphibians .... Alot of the information is not correct..... Dont buy.. look for books like "Brazilian Rainbow Boa's for dummies..." specific breeds.... too broad

The person who wrote this book doesn't have the faintest idea what she is talking. about. It jumps from one subject to another without finishing what they began talking about.

this book really filled in the blanks for me in understanding the necessity's of these animals as pets. i am now moving forward to putting together an 80 gallon terrarium and feel very confident i can pull it off by applying the data in this book.

This book does quite a good job at covering a lot of great information about herps (turtles, tortoises, snakes, lizards, frogs, toads, newts, salamanders, caecilians, and even the non-pet herps crocodilians, amphisbaenians, and Rhynchocephalia) and things that ever herper needs to know to have a happy healthy pet. Topics include keeping your herps in an outdoor cage, tank, or pool, what kinds of plants to put inside of an indoor terrarium, who eats what (or, more likely, who eats whom), breeding, how to determine a herp's sex, zoos with great herp collections, how to get involved in one's local community, common health problems, how to transport one's herps, and what to do if you need to get rid of your herp. In the middle of the book is a section of nice color photos of some of the more popular varieties of pet herps, such as the painted turtle, corn snake, water dragon, veiled chameleon, horned frog, and fire-bellied newt. It finishes with an appendix running down the basics (diet, behavior, origins, etc.) of some of the more popular herps, such as the kingsnake, Greek tortoise, fire salamander, leopard gecko, bumblebee poison dart frog, and aquatic caecilian. The only shortcomings I noticed in the book were that there isn't a huge amount of species-specific information (though this book is only meant as a general guide, not something covering every single

thing about all of the herps in the pet market; that's what species-specific books are for!) and that it recommended the pet store as the place to get frozen/thawed prekilled rodents for one's snake. It would have been better had they talked about some of the businesses who breed rodents and then euthanise them before freezing them and selling them in bulk, such as RodentPro, Mice on Ice, and Mice Direct. Unless I knew that a pet store had gotten their prekilled prey from such a reputable company, I wouldn't exactly trust their prekilled rodents, given how a lot of pet stores aren't known for top-notch treatment of their animals! It also would've been nice had they mentioned some of the companies that breed and sell insects for lizards and amphibians, like Cricket Ranch and Timberline Live Pet Foods. But overall, this is a really good guide to get the first-time herper started, and as one reads more literature on the subject and interacts with fellow herpers, one will learn about the things that this book overlooked or didn't go into a lot of detail about.

I call this my bible for going to reptile expos or for making a reptile purchase. I got this book over 5 years ago when I started in the reptile/herping world and this purchase was my second buying. Horrible mistake loaning my first one out but I cant live without this book. No matter how many times I have used it I still refer to it for quick updates, anything I am unsure about. Its the easiest read and the greatest help for making decissions for reptiles, invertabrates and Amphibianns. A must have.

We have a California kingsnake and two leopard geckos. We've gotten some other books on these reptiles, but for basic advice the "Dummies" book is the best so far. Very good at explaining what each species is like so you can get an idea of how the animal would work out for you.

very thorough and also humorous. one small disadvantage, species specific information is very limited(though snake selection is acceptable). this, and a species specific book will give you a perfect referance with a new pet.

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