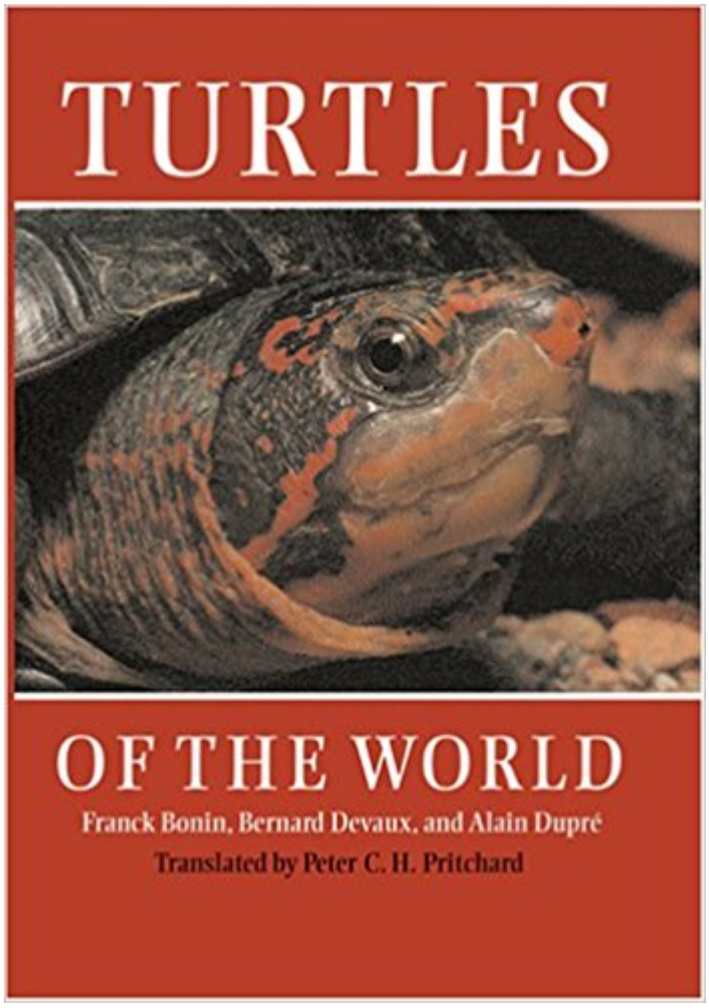
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Synopsis

From the familiar painted turtle basking on a log to the majestic long-lived giant tortoises, turtles are among the most fascinating animals on the planet. For many years Franck Bonin, Bernard Devaux, and Alain DuprÃƒÂ© have traveled the world together to study turtles in their natural habitats. In this complete guide to the world's nearly 300 species of turtles, the authors reveal intimate, little-known details of these intriguing reptiles in their native habitats: what they eat, where they live, how they behave, and when and where they lay their eggs.Originally written in French, the text has been translated by one of the world's leading turtle experts, Peter C. H. Pritchard. The result is a beautifully written and illustrated book that belongs on the shelf of every library, public and private. Written for the millions of turtle lovers and nature enthusiasts who will find answers to their questions within its pages, this book is bound to become the standard reference for years to come.

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Franck Bonin is a veterinarian with thirty-two years of specialized experience with turtles. Bernard Devaux is the founder of the French nonprofit organization Village des Tortues. Alain DuprÃƒÂ© is an avid turtle enthusiast who serves on the boards of several conservation organizations in France. Peter C. H. Pritchard is the author of hundreds of articles on turtles and the Encyclopedia of Turtles.

Bonin, Devaux, and Dupre's book takes on a big challenge in cataloguing world turtle diversity and will serve well as an impressive addition.The introduction is 9 pages and concise. Phylogenetic history, a couple of ancestral species, anatomy, senses, metabolism, behavior, and threats are summarized in prose oscillating between introductory and expert. The rest of the book is comprised of species accounts.Pictures in this book are better used for fun than identification. The picture of savannah sidenecks (Podocnemis vogli) is awesome. Quite a few species are not pictured and subspecies/ regional variations are not visually comparable. There is not consistency in shot angles for practical comparison between species. Some species are pictured only as hatchlings, some are depicted only by a close zoom on the head, and at least two species appear to have their photographs switched. Picture captions don't include species' names, which may cause confusion. This book's visuals could be aided by Vetter's pictorial "Turtles of the World" multi-volume Terralog series.Range maps are blobbed in. The map outlines are crude, and range outlines do not respect watersheds or other important distributional boundaries. A general idea of where species occur can be drawn.Species' Description's are good, although no dichotomous keys are provided. The Natural History section for many species is shorter than current information necessitates, while for some (especially some tortoise species and the marine turtles) this section is disproportionately long.

Details on reproduction (laying season, egg size, etc.) are given for some species, but absent from many for which information is available. The Protection section is very inconsistent between species. For some, IUCN and CITES information is included, while for others, it’s left out. National protection status is discussed for turtles of France and French Guyana, but absent for virtually every other nation’s turtle fauna.There are virtually no citations throughout the book even though it’s written in relatively diagnostic lingo. The bibliography is very short (page and a half) for the amount of information included, and information from the authors’ experiences should have been noted where appropriate.The French-to-English translation must be well done, because the book reads very cleanly, especially for a semi-technical reference. The book’s construct is just like a textbook; cover, paper and print should survive many years of steady use.This reference is not a replacement for the previous "Turtles of the World" by Ernst and Barbour (1989) or "Encyclopedia of Turtles" by Pritchard (1979), but it will serve well in the possession of anyone with an interest in turtle diversity. It may well do a stronger job than both previous works in sparking interest from future turtle enthusiasts through its more accessible nature.

This book is, by far, the best turtle & tortoise book I have ever seen.I has lots of pictures, maps explaining exactly where does this turtles live, how they live and billions of useful information.It is so well and easy written that anyone can read it and be amazed by it. And by anyone I mean a 5 year old or a 50 year old Tortoise expert with a PhD in aquatic reptiles.If you like turtles like a hobby, or if you are a Collage teacher with a Masters in Turtlelogy or something like that... YOU MUST OWN THIS BOOK.

This book was very informative about almost every aspect concerning turtles of the world but ironically it passed over a simple detail such as sizes of the turtles. This book was the main reference material in a large academic project.

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Just great

A must-have for any herpetologist. Provides useful concise information on every species of turtle out

there. My only regret is that I didn’t buy this book sooner.

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