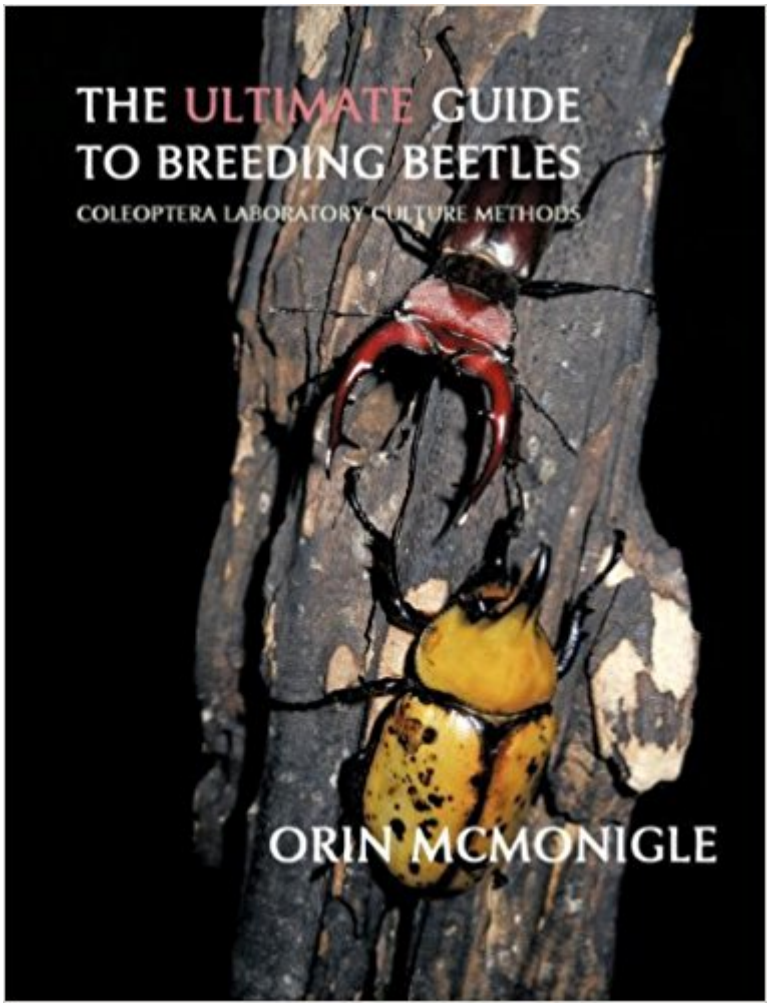
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Synopsis

The Ultimate Resource for the Beetle Enthusiast: Beetles fascinate hobbyists with their vivid colors and patterns, strange forms, and unusual behaviors. Some species are well-known to beetle breeders, but there are many others that have yet to be kept or bred by more than a handful of dedicated enthusiasts. Orin McMonigle provides detailed husbandry and breeding guides for a wide range of species, from the popular rhinoceros and stag beetles to darkling, diving, and dung beetles. This book is the result of years of experience and experimentation, with unprecedented details in caging, feeding, and environmental requirements for all stages of the beetles' lives. The breeding guides offer the best chance to form healthy ongoing colonies of these incredible creatures. This is the ultimate beetle book for hobbyists, breeders, nature museums, and insect zoos. Welcome to the world of beetles!

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Customer Reviews

"Awesome book a must have for all beetle lovers!" -Beetleforum.net --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

This book compiles a number of texts on beetle husbandry including all the complete guides to breeding beetlesÃ Â which includes the two chapters that were in For the Love of Rhinoceros and Stag Beetles by Lai & McMonigle 2001. These chapters were already greatly expanded and updated for the 2006 flowerÃ Â beetle and jewel scarabÃ Â bookÃ Â so they may bear little

resemblance to the originals. The complete guides also include rhinoceros, stag, darkling, and dung beetles.Ã Â There’s also a new section onÃ Â longhorns, longarm scarabs, dermestid beetles, tiger beetles, passalids, and many others. Originally, I thought it would be easy to combine and update all the texts but it took longer than any of the books.

The Ultimate Guide to Beetles is truly just that. Ultimate! This is a must have book for anyone from beginner to full blown coleopterist. It is a wealth of information from a well known and highly respected author in the invertebrate hobby. The book is very easy to read for even the non scientific casual hobbyist and contains all the "tips and tricks" needed to keep, breed and successfully raise a multitude of species. Everything from Cetoniidae to Dynastidae, Rutelinae to Tenebrionidae, this book truly covers it all! Included in the book are several chapters on some very rarely kept species about which husbandry information is virtually nonexistent. For a great many years beetle breeding has been very popular in numerous Asian countries (namely Japan and Taiwan) and in parts of western Europe, much the same way the tropical fish hobby is popular in the U.S. In these countries you can find beetle specialty shops where everything required for beetle breeding is readily available much the same way fish food, filters, water conditioner and the like can be found in the states for the fish hobby. Now unfortunately no stores like this exist at the moment in the U.S. and virtually all literature on the hobby is based on the assumption that the reader has access to everything already made and available at the local beetle shop. This makes it very hard to try and fill in the necessary gaps (food, substrate, wood/leaf choice etc.) of breeding in the U.S. This is the only book specifically made for the hobbyist who doesn’t have access to anything prepackaged and shows in great detail how to do everything yourself. I’ve been waiting for countless years for a book of this caliber to come to the U.S. hobby and the wait is finally over! Thank you Orin for making this hobby accessible to everyone!Cheers,Greg Collins

Orin has been a wonderful resources for our bug keeping needs. This book (beetles) is full of gobs of info on tons of species - wild collected or captive bred (there isn’t a lot of other sources for info on keeping wild collected species in any serious capacity).I have been exceptionally happy with this book.One thing to be aware of, this is not a cook book. In the case of care of most of the species treated in this book you will have to read and reread the appropriate section, take notes, and formalize a plan on how to prepare and perform the care. It is not full of lists of the materials you will need, nor lists of steps, nor easy to reference charts on temperatures, humidity, and development times.

"Ultimate" is a fitting term indeed for this publication, as it is by far one of the most comprehensive references ever written on the subject of breeding beetles. Concisely written and beautifully illustrated with over 300 colour photos, this book provides a vast amount of very practical information based on the author's extensive experience with a broad range of beetle species over 25+ years. In short, this is the essential guide for anyone interested in keeping and breeding beetles.C. CampbellColeopterist

This is a great book for any level of Coleopterist! Most of the information in the book is spot on. This information can be used to start someone off in the hobby and to improve the methods of an experienced Coleopterist as well! 2 thumbs up for this book! It is jam-packed with awesome pictures and breeding information for a wide variety of species. Some species mentioned in the book have not been bred by many breeders. This book is innovative and accurate! 5 stars!

Excellent book. If you are interested in anything to do with bugs, arachnids, inverts, yo cannot go wrong with Orin's books. They're a valuable addition to anyone's invert library. Excellent resource for information and great pictures.

Quite informative, would preffer if it had some more step-by-step tutorials on stuff like making fermented substrate and rotted logs but other then that very informative even for someone not inside the us :)

This books taught me everything I needed to know to care for my rhino beetle larvae :)

I am very satisfied. The Dynastidae part is mainly about american Dynastes.

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