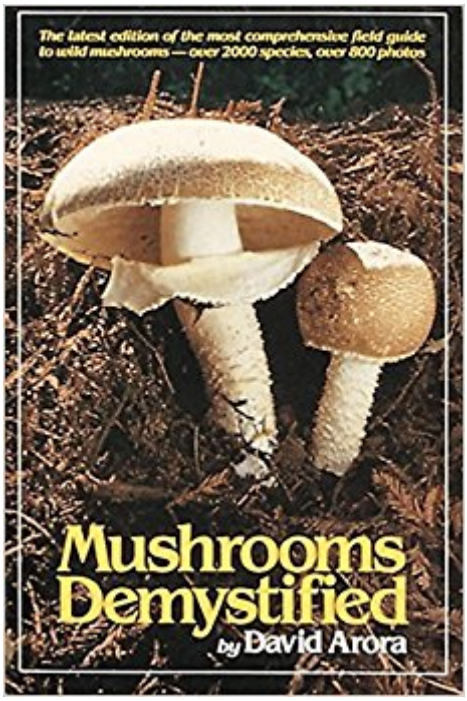
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This is the be-all and end-all of mushroom books! Truly an encyclopedia of mushroom facts and lore, lavishly illustrated with full-color photographs, literally everything you need to know about mushrooms, edible or not. Arora has taught mycology for close to twenty years and has hunted and photographed mushrooms across the North American continent. Threaded through the book are his wry and humorous observations and comments, making what could have been a rather dull, "just-the-facts, ma’am" reference book into a really enjoyable read. The stunning photographs of the incredible variety of fungi are fascinating and eye-opening, and while the author gives clear and factual information, the mysterious allure of mushrooms in their countless shapes, sizes and colors is only increased by this huge and delightful book. --Mark Hetts

An exceptional book . . . a must for intermediate and advanced mushroom collectors and those with

wide horizons.-Cottage Life

The definitive thing you need to have if you’re a mushroom lover. Maybe not in your backpack or hip pocket, but at basecamp for those rare gems that nothing else works. Exhaustive complete work, I thought I could get by without it owning it myself. Unless you’re a mushroom savant, and memorized all of the obscurities and rarities, beyond the typical things you normally find you’ll appreciate this! Such a classic, love the epic stories of mushroom culture and the hunt too. Might be a bit much to chew for neophytes, but is still accessible with room to grow into the hobby.

Recently a friend took a photo of a mushroom she found while hiking that no other books illustrated. I was able to relatively easily locate this mushroom in David Arora’s book and use the key to narrow it down to one of two species. Aurora’s other book "All That The Rain Promises" is a nice ’lightweight’ version of this book for people that want to tip only their big toes into the waters of mycology before ’diving in’ headfirst. If you do want to go ’head on’ fully into the study of mushrooms, then this ’heavyweight’(literally and figuratively) book is the one for you.Personally, I am not yet into the binomial key level of ID for the most part and mostly look at photos in this book and ask those more experienced than myself for ID assistance. I hear that Aurora is working on an updated version of this book. I use this book in conjunction with about 10 other mushroom books to compare photos and information!

Lots of Information in this book, but lacking on Good Id photos

More information than most people can possibly use about mushrooms. Not many photos. Would be difficult to use without quite a bit of background knowledge on mushrooms and plenty of experience with dichotomous keys.

I really like this book. Lots of info not many pictures but I have other books for that. Very disappointed that it goes from page 112-145 though which would have hygrocybe, hygrophorus, hypsizygus, lentinellus, panellus, panus, and probably more:(

Good book, alot of black and white photos that aren’t very good for identification purposes though

This book really gets into those fungi!! I got this book for my wife and I to use as our complete

reference book on mushrooms. The book is a little intimidating because it gets so in-depth. And definitely lacks in good pictures. However, after reading a lot in this book you really start to learn a deeper side to those mysterious fungi. Great humor and candor mixed in throughout the book. The step by step ID section has been right-on in helping to identify mushrooms. There are quite a few I have been unable to identify if only I had a great picture of it! Some of the Step by step groups are so extensive its easy to get lost in them without ever finding your mushroom. By far the the most complete book on mushrooms I've seen but probably not for the total beginner. I will be looking for a companion to this one with more color pictures to help. Don't get me wrong, if you want to really get into mushrooms, or already are into them, this book is a must.

I do really like this mushroom book - but beware it is HUGE and not light reading! Not really for taking out into the woods with you unless you are prepared to carry it. The only thing I wish it had was more in-color photos. Full of excellent information (and some humor, too!). Great reference guide for the person who REALLY wants to learn about mushrooms.

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