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Mushrooms Of West Virginia And The Central Appalachians



Synopsis

With its dense forests and plentiful rainfall, West Virginia and the rest of the Central Appalachian region is an almost perfect habitat for hundreds of varieties of wild mushrooms. For the mushroom hunter, this vast bounty provides sheer delight and considerable challenge, for every outdoor excursion offers the chance of finding a mushroom not previously encountered. For both the seasoned mycologist and the novice mushroom hunter, *Mushrooms of West Virginia and the Central Appalachians* serves as a solid introduction to the region. Some 400 species are described and illustrated with the author's own stunning color photographs, and many more are discussed in the text. Detailed mushroom descriptions assure confident identifications. Each species account includes remarks about edibility and extensive commentary to help distinguish similar species. A comprehensive glossary of specialized mycological terms is provided.

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Customer Reviews

I live in New York State and have been collecting mushrooms for years - edible and otherwise. I already own just about every other field guide to identifying mushrooms and other fungi, so when I saw this book for sale, I thought "do I really need another?" Well, it turns out I did. This book is fabulous! The pictures are first rate, and sometimes provide identifying detail that pictures in other books do not. While the "regulars" are there (mushrooms you find illustrated in almost every field guide) it also contains pictures of mushrooms that are common but not regularly pictured in other field guides. Consequently, it allowed me to solve a lot of long-standing "mushroom mysteries" in my backyard. The book contains longer than average "comments" on each species, often providing

fascinating information. I highly recommend this book!

I live in Tennessee. I own about 40 mushroom books and this one is my favorite. It is great to have a book for identification that covers mushrooms found in the south so well. The pictures are excellent. Roody lists possible look-alikes in many of the excellent, detailed descriptions. He also comments on the edibility of each species. Should be an excellent book for beginners and seasoned mushroom hunters alike. Highly recommended.

After a decade of waiting for this book, I am certainly not disappointed. As an avid mushroom hunter, I have to say that this is the best field guide I have found.

On the positive side, this is an excellent book. It is very well written, has detail oriented descriptions and is chock full of beautiful, clear, close-up photos. This book is certainly worthy of being added to any beginner's or seasoned hunter's library. As a note of caution though, if you get it, I suggest thoroughly checking out the binding to ensure that it's solid and tight. When I got mine, I began opening it as with any new book and the seam of the first few pages literally cracked and broke away from the rest of the binding. This happened in a couple other sections of the book as well. So, I immediately contacted customer support to explain the problem. The rep right then and there set up a replacement (which is perfect) via 2 day expedited shipping back to me, followed by an emailed return label so I could ship the damaged one back free of charge. Can't beat that kind of service with a stick! Thanks again !

This book makes an excellent field guide. The pictures are of high quality making them easy to compare to the actual mushroom and are on the same page as the description of the particular mushroom. This is easier and quicker than having to flip back and forth throughout the book comparing pictures and descriptions. The pages are coated giving resistance against dampness, dirt and the elements. A very well organized and easy to use identification book. Very pleased with my purchase and would recommend it to anyone interested in mushroom hunting in Central Appalachia.

This is a great book. Pictures are clear and vibrant. Summary section after each mushroom is pretty detailed on look-alikes which I always use with some internet searching to confirm I have the right mushroom. It is one of three field guides I use. I live in Central NY and I think my zone is a little north

of where some of the varieties in this book tend to grow, it has still been very useful. I don't think any guide is perfect but this one will make a nice addition to your collection.

I live in Kentucky and this book works great for my area. I have nothing to add to the previous glowing reviews. This is just such a wonderful book I wanted to make sure it got as much high praise as it deserves! Well formatted, clear concise descriptions and nice pictures. Everything you would like to see in a mushroom book. Five Stars all the way!

Since I live in the mountains of NC, this is the book recommended by my mushroom club as the best reference for anywhere in the Appalachians. The pictures are great and the information is complete on each mushroom. However, this is a weighty book and not good as a field guide if you're going on a foray....But, once you get home, its great for identification. (Or if you're just out in the yard collecting from your own home like I do....)

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