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Snakes Jennifer Coates 2009-01-01 A guide to having a snake as a pet that provides information on finding the right type of snake, making a house safe for a pet snake, proper feeding and handling, setting up a terrarium, keeping a snake healthy, and more.

Snakes Russ Case 2012-08-14 A Beginning Vivarium Systems guide, Snakes is an entertaining and educational introduction to the world of snakes of all
sizes, colors, and personalities. Beginning snake keepers of all ages will find intriguing information about common and unusual snakes in this colorful guide by herp expert Russ Case. The book offers readers who are looking to adopt a snake the right guidance for purchasing a healthy specimen and for creating a safe, comfortable home where the pet snake can thrive. Beginners will learn about the anatomy of snakes and their behavior in the wild and in captivity. The chapter "Snake Food" is a lesson in how to feed snakes so that owners meet all of the special needs of their pets. The chapter "Great Beginner Snakes" present the most common species for newcomers to snakes, including such favorites as the corn snake, California king snake, ball python, and the rosy boa, each illustrated with color photos and explained in clear everyday language.

Additional examples of "Other Amazing Snakes" are included, such as the boa constrictor, Burmese python, reticulated python, king cobra, rattlesnake, which are fascinating to read about though not recommended for beginners. A chapter on potential health problems gives a basic overview of how to care for and maintain captive snakes in the best of health. Sidebars throughout the text give the reader good advice on dos and don'ts to avoid common mistakes keepers make with these pet animals. Glossary included.

**Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine** Marie Kubiak 2020-08-24 Easy-to-use, comprehensive reference covering the less common species encountered in general veterinary practice. Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine provides easy-to-access, detailed information on a wide variety of exotic species that can be encountered in general practice.
veterinary practice. Offering excellent coverage of topics such as basic techniques, preventative health measures, and a formulary for each species, each chapter uses the same easy-to-follow format so that users can find information quickly while working in the clinic. Presented in full colour, with over 400 photographs, the book gives small animal practitioners the confidence to handle and treat more familiar pets such as budgerigars, African grey parrots, bearded dragons, corn snakes, tortoises, pygmy hedgehogs, hamsters and rats. Other species that may be presented less frequently including skunks, marmosets, sugar gliders, koi carp, chameleons and terrapins are also covered in detail to enable clinicians to quickly access relevant information. Provides comprehensive coverage of many exotic pet species that veterinarians may encounter in general practice situations Presents evidence-based discussions of topics including biological parameters, husbandry, clinical evaluation, hospitalization requirements, common medical and surgical conditions, radiographic imaging, and more The Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine is an ideal one-stop reference for the busy general practitioner seeing the occasional exotic animal, veterinary surgeons with an established exotic animal caseload, veterinary students and veterinary nurses wishing to further their knowledge. **The Vivarium** 1998 **Common Diseases of Companion Animals E-Book** Alleice Summers 2019-04-26 Solidify your understanding of the most common diseases you’ll encounter as a veterinary technician! Common Diseases of Companion Animals, 4th Edition is an easy-to-use reference that’s divided into sections by species, with...
chapters in each section organized by body system. Each disease is presented in monograph form, with clinical signs, diagnostic laboratory work-up, treatment options, and client information to ensure the information you need is always available. New to this edition is coverage of backyard chickens and potbellied pigs. This succinct text provides invaluable coverage for veterinary technology students and also serves as a handy reference for working practitioners. Coverage of the common diseases veterinary technicians are likely to encounter in practice keeps students up-to-date with the diseases and disorders they are most likely to assist in diagnosing and managing. Diseases organized by body system enables students to quickly refer to the most accurate information. Consistent, monograph format includes a description, clinical signs, laboratory work-up, treatment, medications, after care, client information, and prevention for each disease. Clearly defined role of technician helps students understand what is expected of them as a working professional. Tech Alerts emphasize key information on the process of caring for pets. Introductory chapter on pathophysiology provides information on the foundations of disease and the body’s response to disease before proceeding to the specific diseases of each system. Full-color design and illustration program reinforces what diseases look like — such as signs exhibited in the animal, in lab specimens, and in surgical corrections — and demonstrates techniques, such as urethral catheter placement in a female cat. Nursing care sections include descriptions of changes in clinical signs with improvement or decline that will affect treatment, as well as more Tech Alerts to
highlight the veterinary technician’s responsibilities. A variety of review questions, including open-ended critical thinking questions. Vet Tech Threads direct learning by outlining key terms, learning objectives, and the glossary. NEW! Chapters on backyard chickens and potbellied pigs. NEW! EXPANDED content includes the latest information on disease prevention. NEW! Coverage of new veterinary diseases ensures that you have the most up-to-date information available.

**Laboratory Animal and Exotic Pet Medicine - E-Book**

Margi Sirois  
2015-07-24  
Learn how to properly handle and care for lab animals and exotic species with Laboratory Animal and Exotic Pet Medicine, Principles and Procedures, 2nd Edition. This comprehensive resource provides the latest anatomy, physiology, and taxonomy information on a wide variety of species — including birds, reptiles and amphibians, rats and mice, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, gerbils, ferrets, wildlife, woodchucks, armadillos, frogs, and fish. Coverage also includes a number of commonly performed procedures (such as blood collection, medicine administration, and animal husbandry) and in-depth information on housing, restraint, nutrition, common diseases, diagnostics, and therapeutics. Research-related information, including legal and ethical issues surrounding exotic animals being kept as pets, as well as the humane use of animals in research, make this text a must-have resource for any aspiring vet tech or professional who must work with lab animals. Comprehensive coverage addresses a wide variety of species (rats, mice, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, ferrets, rabbits, nonhuman primates, swine, chinchillas, armadillos, amphibians, reptiles, birds, fish, farm...
animals, and cats and dogs) and covers a wide variety of topics (such as animal species, the laboratory setting, regulatory guidelines, and ethical considerations) to fully prepare students for work with all types of animals. Consistent organization of each species chapter makes it easy for students to quickly identify similarities and differences among various laboratory animals. The latest information on laws and ethics related to lab animal medicine cover the areas of pain management, use, care, and more. Review questions at the end of each chapter allow students to assess their knowledge of the material. Discussion of specific uses for each species in biomedical research gives students a perspective on animal use that allows them to explain the benefits of animal use as required by veterinary technology program accreditation procedure.

Boxes and tables list anatomic and physiologic data for each species. NEW! Updated design features more high-quality, full-color illustrations and a revised reader-friendly layout with learning objectives and key points to make content easier to follow.

**The Merck/Merial Manual For Pet Health**
Cynthia M. Kahn 2007
An in-depth reference for pet owners addresses a full spectrum of caregiver concerns for dogs, cats, horses, birds, and exotics, from selecting a compatible animal companion to coping with a range of diseases and disorders.

**Snakes for Those Who Care**
Anmarie Barrie 1994
How to take care of a pet snake.

**Pet Business** 1995

**Laboratory Animal and Exotic Pet Medicine - E-Book**
Margi Sirois 2022-01-01
Learn the veterinary technician’s role in the care of exotic pets and animals used in biomedical research!
Exotic Pet Medicine: Principles and Procedures, 3rd Edition helps you gain the knowledge and skills needed to ensure animal health and well-being. It covers animal husbandry, restraint and handling, and diseases, and provides guidelines to key clinical procedures such as blood collection, medication administration, anesthesia, and diagnostic imaging. Research-related information addresses the ethical concerns of exotic pet ownership, as well as the benefits and humane use of animals in research. Written by noted veterinary technology educator Margi Sirois, this text is a must-have resource for all caretakers of lab animals. Comprehensive coverage prepares you to work with all types of animals by addressing a wide variety of species including rats, mice, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, hamsters, gerbils, nonhuman primates, amphibians, fish, reptiles, birds, farm animals, and cats and dogs; it also covers topics such as animal species, the laboratory setting, regulatory guidelines, and ethical considerations. Consistent organization of each species chapter makes it easy to quickly identify similarities and differences among various laboratory animals. Current information on legal, moral, and ethical issues includes legal requirements, the protocols guiding lab animal use, animal exploitation, and animal rights. Discussion of specific uses for each species in biomedical research provides a perspective that helps you explain the benefits of animal use in providing high-quality research data. Technician Notes highlight important points and provide helpful tips to improve your knowledge and skills. Learning objectives, key points, and chapter review questions make studying easier. NEW!
Comprehensive coverage of poultry includes the increasingly popular backyard chickens, as well as commonly performed procedures and in-depth information on housing, restraint, nutrition, common diseases, diagnostics, and therapeutics. NEW photographs show the latest technology available in laboratory and exotic animal medicine.

**Iguana Invasion!** Virginia Aronson 2010 Describes characteristics of iguanas, and other exotic pets, found in Florida, with information on humane ways to trap them, how to feed them, if they are dangerous, and their effect on the environment.

**Becoming Best Friends with Your Iguana, Snake, Or Turtle** Bill Gutman 2001-01-01 Offers advice for children and parents who are thinking of buying a reptile, including information about the special care and needs of these exotic pets.

**Pythons and Boas** Gloria G. Schlaepfer 2003-03-01 Discusses the physical characteristics and behavior of various species of constrictor snakes, their relationship with humans, and how to keep one as a pet.

**Boas and Pythons** Alvin Silverstein 2012-01-01 Many people have dogs and cats for pets, but do your readers know that some people keep pets like mini horses, boas, and tarantulas? If you've ever considered keeping an unusual pet, these books are for you? Readers will learn the history, the science, and the care needed for keeping fun and exotic pets.

**Tropical Fish Hobbyist** 1998

**Boa Constrictor Manual** Philippe De Vosjoli 2012-07-31 Still the most popular large snake in the pet world, the boa constrictor of South America is a hardy, beautiful snake that is fairly docile and considered safe when handled properly. In The Boa Constrictor Manual, world-renowned herp expert
Philippe de Vosjoli has written a concise and useful guide, well illustrated with color photographs, that offers all of the information a boa keeper needs to maintain a pet snake safely and in the best of health. This Advanced Vivarium Systems title includes information about selecting and purchasing a healthy boa constrictor, proper housing and maintenance needs, feeding, and safe handling. Dr. Roger Klingenberg, a herp veterinary specialist, has written a special health chapter on diseases and disorders, with particular emphasis on the dreaded boa AIDS (inclusion body disease or IBD) as well as parasitism, respiratory disease, and more. The chapter concludes with a six-page chart on troubleshooting health concerns, which all boa constrictor keepers will find useful for general upkeep and recognizing and dealing with serious issues. Beyond the husbandry and health of boa constrictors, this book offers an excellent chapter by Jeff Ronne on breeding Colombia boa constrictors, beginning with the size and health of breeding and animals and the female's cycling to the birth and care of newborns. Resources and index included.

**What's Wrong With My Snake** John Rossi
2012-09-11 What's Wrong with My Snake? is one reptile care book from the highly acclaimed Advanced Vivarium Systems series. The AVS series, founded and guided by herpetocultural pioneer Philippe de Vosjoli, is the #1 series on reptile care. From choosing a pet to selecting a veterinarian to feeding, housing, breeding, and more, these books deliver the most helpful and up-to-date information available on popular reptiles and amphibians kept as pets.

**Diseases and Pathology of Reptiles** Elliott Jacobson
2021-08-29 This two-volume...
set represents a second edition of the original Infectious Diseases and Pathology of Reptiles alongside a new book that covers noninfectious diseases of reptiles. Together, these meet the need for an entirely comprehensive, authoritative single-source reference. The volumes feature color photos of normal anatomy and histology, as well as gross, light, and electron microscopic images of infectious and noninfectious diseases of reptiles. The most detailed and highly illustrated reference on the market, this two-volume set includes definitive information on every aspect of the anatomy, pathophysiology, and differential diagnosis of infectious and noninfectious diseases affecting reptiles.

**Ball Python as Pet**

Axel Cassidy 2022-02-26

A ball python makes a great snake for beginners. They can grow up to 5 feet in length, but they aren't as big as some constricting snakes. They are also quite easy to handle and are docile. **BALL PYTHON OWNERSHIP**

Ball pythons are also known as royal or regius pythons. They belong to the same snake family with boas. These snakes are all constrictors. Constrictor snakes wrap themselves around prey until it is suffocated. Then they swallow it whole. **HOW BIG ARE THE BALL PYTHONS**

Ball pythons can grow to be as small as 36 to 48 inches in adulthood. Ball pythons can be purchased at pet shops that specialize in snakes, or they may help to find a breeder. What is the average lifespan of Ball Pythons in captivity? Find more information in this book.

**Saunders Solutions in Veterinary Practice:**

**Small Animal Exotic Pet Medicine E-Book**

Lesa Longley 2010-09-21

Saunders Solutions in Veterinary Practice consists
of a series of practical handbooks on selected medical topics on specific veterinary problems. Case-based, this series is aimed at the small animal veterinary practitioner who has qualified less than 10 years and needs quick access to information and wants to increase his/her confidence on handling that range of cases that cover the spectrum that lies between the simple routine first opinion case and the referral. Saunders Solutions in Veterinary Practice provides additional knowledge that leads to improved skills and practice for veterinary practitioners. Not only practitioners, but also veterinary students nearing the end of their course will find this series very useful to brush up their knowledge in a particular area. The volumes are also written with the veterinary nurse in mind with a particular interest in a specific topic, using ‘Nurse Boxes’ in the text to guide them to the specific information they need. • new approach: clinical cases offering examination, treatment options, clinical tips relevant for the general small animal veterinary practitioner – all case descriptions based on common template • offers synoptic, easy accessible and essential information • provides essential information on selected topics • authorship ensures accuracy of information • relevant to all general practitioners • written to increase the skill and practice the general veterinary practitioner • intend to meet CPD-need, but focus on: differential diagnosis and practical case handling • offers self-assessment features at the end of every chapter making it relevant for veterinary students as well • broad readership: practitioners and students indicated in the text by ‘Notes for Vets’; nurses indicated in the text by ‘Notes for Nurses’ and
pet owners indicated in the text by ‘Notes for Pet Owners’ • handy format with flexi cover • species covered to be limited to cats, dogs and rabbits • full colour throughout

**Reptile Medicine and Surgery - E-Book**

Stephen J. Divers 2005-12-13 This outstanding clinical reference provides valuable insights into solving clinical dilemmas, formulating diagnoses, developing therapeutic plans, and verifying drug dosages for both reptiles and amphibians. The information is outlined in an easy-to-use format for quick access that is essential for emergency and clinical situations.

Discusses veterinary medicine and surgery for both reptiles and amphibians Features complete biology of snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocodilians Provides step-by-step guidelines for performing special techniques and procedures such as anesthesia, clinical pathology, diagnostic imaging, euthanasia and necropsy, fracture management, soft tissue surgery, and therapeutics Covers specific diseases and conditions such as anorexia, aural abscesses, and digit abnormalities in a separate alphabetically organized section 53 expert authors contribute crucial information to the study of reptiles and offer their unique perspectives on particular areas of study The expansive appendix includes a reptile and amphibian formulary A new full-color format features a wealth of vivid images and features that highlight important concepts and bring key procedures to life 29 new chapters covering diverse topics such as stress in captive reptiles, emergency and critical care, ultrasound, endoscopy, and working with venomous species Many new expert contributors that share valuable knowledge and insights from their...
experiences in practicing reptile medicine and surgery Unique coverage of cutting-edge imaging techniques, including CT and MRI

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Encyclopedia of Biological Invasions Dr. Daniel Simberloff 2011-01-02 This pioneering encyclopedia illuminates a topic at the forefront of global ecology—biological invasions, or organisms that come to live in the wrong place. Written by leading scientists from around the world, Encyclopedia of Biological Invasions addresses all aspects of this subject at a global level—including invasions by animals, plants, fungi, and bacteria—in succinct, alphabetically arranged articles. Scientifically uncompromising, yet clearly written and free of jargon, the volume encompasses fields of study including biology, demography, geography, ecology, evolution, sociology, and natural history. Featuring many cross-references, suggestions for further reading, illustrations, an appendix of the world’s worst 100 invasive species, a glossary, and more, this is an essential reference for anyone who needs up-to-date information on this important topic.

Encyclopedia of Biological Invasions features articles on: • Well-known invasive species such the zebra mussel, chestnut blight, cheatgrass, gypsy moth, Nile perch, giant African snail, and Norway rat • Regions with especially large numbers of introduced species including the Great Lakes, Mediterranean Sea,
Hawaiian Islands, Australia, and New Zealand. • Conservation, ecological, economic, and human and animal health impacts of invasions around the world • The processes and pathways involved in invasion • Management of introduced species

Snakes For Kids - Amazing Animal Books For Young Readers

John Davidson 2013-05-15
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Bestselling author John Davidson presents "Snakes For Kids – Amazing Animal Books For Young Readers". Beautiful Pictures and easy reading format will help children fall in love with Snakes. This is one of over 20 books in the Amazing Animal Books for Young Readers Series. The series is known as one of the most beautiful on the ereaders. The pictures look great even in black and white and are excellent on the full color ereaders. Lots of facts and photos will help your children learn about this wonderful animal. Children are given a well-rounded understanding of this beautiful animal: its anatomy, feeding habits and behavior. *** You and your kids will love learning about Snakes***

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Did you know that snakes are one of the most misunderstood creatures in the animal kingdom? In this book we are going to learn about snakes. We are going to talk about where they live, how they hunt, what they eat, and learn some fun and interesting facts about snakes. One thing that is very interesting about
snakes is that some species lay eggs to hatch and other species give birth to live young. As we talk about each different snake keep an eye out for which ones lay eggs and which have live babies. Snakes are also grouped together in different families just like humans! We will learn a few of the snake families and some of the snakes that belong to them.

**A Lifetime Nature Walk**
Andrew Dequasie
2000-09-20
This book is a collection of essays and anecdotes about 19 animals, 18 birds, 15 fish, 10 reptiles, 31 insects, 39 plants, 17 trees, and 6 other subjects encountered in nature by the author, mostly in the region from West Virginia to Vermont. Hopefully, it lends personality to these subjects and leaves the reader with a sense of the changing view of our natural world during the 20th century. It is not encyclopedic, being limited to things the author has had experience with. On the other hand, it contains many off-beat details not to be found in other references. Among stone-age peoples, one of the important duties the hunter had to fulfill when he returned home was to tell the other members of his tribe where he had been, what he had seen, and what he had done. That is what the author attempts to do in this book. For instance, he tells of: Dealings with raccoons, both tame and wild. How to rescue a skunk from a storm drain. Homemade animal traps. What constitutes a successful backwoods fox hunt. How kingfishers and sparrow hawks mourn their dead. Why bluebirds are scarce. Why a killdeer will tease a dog. Where to find bluegills in the Ohio River or smelt in the Niagara River. A box turtle's prediction of dry weather and rain. Living where copperheads live. Playing with garter snakes. How to find a bee tree. The very different lives and habits of hornets, brown...

**The Mini-atlas of Snakes of the World** John Coborn 1993-12-16 Guide to snake families and subfamilies along with identification and information details on each snake.

**The Care and Feeding of 25 Popular Exotic Animals & Exotic Pets - Animal Facts On Chinchillas to Crocodiles and the Tortoise to the Tiger, and Every Exotic Pet in Between** Rebecca Greenwood, Malibu Publishing 2013-05-14 Owning an exotic pet is a big decision for anybody and should be given a deep thought before it's taken. Firstly, what species of exotic animals you want to adopt as pet should be decided upon. Then, understand the qualities, needs, and problems related to the particular animal like humans are different from the other, so are animals. But only when an in-depth study of the individual animal is done its true personality can be determined. The owner should also understand that some animals even after perfect training grow up to be more aggressive and undisciplined and on the other hand sometimes abused animals grow up to be perfect pets.

**Boa Constrictor** Amanda Lanser 2014-09-01 Around the world, skilled animals hunt and catch their prey.
Learn more about the boa constrictor and the special characteristics that make it such an excellent predator. This title takes you on the hunt with well-researched, clearly written informational text, primary sources with accompanying questions, charts, graphs, diagrams, timelines, and maps, multiple prompts, and more! Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Core Library is an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company. *Current Therapy in Exotic Pet Practice* Mark A. Mitchell 2016 "Companion text to *Manual of exotic pet practice*"--Preface. *Manual of Exotic Pet Practice* Mark A. Mitchell 2009 This practical, user-friendly resource provides essential information on the care and treatment of exotic pets. Coverage includes common health and nutritional issues, as well as restraint techniques, lab values, drug dosages, and special equipment needed to treat exotic animals. *Snakes in Question, Second Edition* George R. Zug 2015-03-10 This new edition of *Snakes in Question* has been completely updated to take into account the most recent research available, offering useful scientific information about snakes while dispelling many widely-circulated myths and common fears. Accompanied by 100 stunning color photographs and written in the popular question-and-answer format of Smithsonian's “In Question” series, the book tells how snakes breathe, hear, smell, and much more. It covers not only the life cycle of snakes but also explores such phenomena as the rattlesnake's rattle, the viper's hiss, and the snake charmer's secrets. It addresses common folktales about snakes (do snakes milk cows?) and describes giant snakes, both real and imaginary. The authors also give expert advice on such subjects as distinguishing...
venomous species from harmless look-alikes and keeping snakes as pets. *Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine* Marie Kubiak 2020-08-24 Easy-to-use, comprehensive reference covering the less common species encountered in general veterinary practice. *Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine* provides easy-to-access, detailed information on a wide variety of exotic species that can be encountered in general veterinary practice. Offering excellent coverage of topics such as basic techniques, preventative health measures, and a formulary for each species, each chapter uses the same easy-to-follow format so that users can find information quickly while working in the clinic. Presented in full colour, with over 400 photographs, the book gives small animal practitioners the confidence to handle and treat more familiar pets such as budgerigars, African grey parrots, bearded dragons, corn snakes, tortoises, pygmy hedgehogs, hamsters and rats. Other species that may be presented less frequently including skunks, marmosets, sugar gliders, koi carp, chameleons and terrapins are also covered in detail to enable clinicians to quickly access relevant information. Provides comprehensive coverage of many exotic pet species that veterinarians may encounter in general practice situations. Presents evidence-based discussions of topics including biological parameters, husbandry, clinical evaluation, hospitalization requirements, common medical and surgical conditions, radiographic imaging, and more. The *Handbook of Exotic Pet Medicine* is an ideal one-stop reference for the busy general practitioner seeing the occasional exotic animal, veterinary surgeons with an established exotic animal caseload, veterinary
students and veterinary nurses wishing to further their knowledge. 

**Invasive Pythons in the United States** Michael E. Dorcas 2011 "Dorcas and Willson provide a much needed examination of the growing impact of Burmese pythons as an invasive species in the United States. By highlighting the many dangers and detrimental effects the introduction of nonnative pythons has caused in the Everglades this book documents the mounting threat that invasives pose to ecosystems everywhere. The first book to focus solely on this issue, Invasive Pythons in the United States is well researched, well illustrated, and well timed" - Book Jacket.

**Boas & Pythons, and Other Friendly Snakes** John Coborn 1992 This easy-to-read text tells exactly why it is that boas and pythons rank among the most popular pet snakes and provides valuable information about selecting and caring for them.


**Reptiles** 2007

**Adopting a Pet For Dummies** Eve Adamson 2005-10-13 Develop a loving relationship with your adopted pet. Your fun and easy guide to the challenges and rewards of adopting a pet. Thinking about adopting or rescuing an animal? This friendly guide gives you a no-nonsense introduction to the process and helps you select the right companion for you and your family. You'll see how to handle everything from feeding, health care, and housetraining to obedience, behavior issues, and special needs for older and abused animals. Discover how to: * Work with shelters and rescue groups * Navigate the procedures and paperwork * Find a supportive veterinarian * Adopt a dog, cat, bird, critter, or exotic pet * Help
your pet adjust to its new home

**Snakes** Harry W. Greene 1997 Introduces the evolutionary biology and natural history of snakes through a discussion of reptilian lifestyles and diversity

**Boas and Pythons of the World** Mark O'Shea 2011 A reformatted, redesigned edition of this popular title. Few reptiles command more respect than the mighty boas and pythons. From eleven-metre-long anacondas in the Amazon to the diminutive Javelin Sand Boa, no longer than 80 centimetres, these are the longest members of the snake family. Supremely beautiful, they embody power and grace. But are they gentle giants or finely tuned killing machines? This book provides the answers, exploring the world of these huge snakes on a fascinating journey through the five continents they inhabit. It describes the distribution, habitat, life and habits of all the known species of boa and python, as well as highlighting the threats these magnificent creatures face from habitat destruction, hunting and climate change. Also included are the often overlooked but fascinating basal snakes, primitive relatives of the boas and pythons. Lavishly illustrated throughout with stunning photographs (many taken by the author and not published before), Boas and Pythons of the World provides comprehensive and authoritative information in a lively and accessible format a fitting celebration of one of the most fascinating yet little-known groups in the reptile world.