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Customer Reviews

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I still love these little Golden Guides! I first encountered them in hardback in my elementary school library in the late '60s/early '70s. By 1973, I had enough allowance money coming to buy them in paperback at the local drugstore. I never collected the complete series, as about half them were never for sale in any venue I could get to. But I ended up with the basic ones--Rocks & Minerals, Fishes, Birds, Flowers, Mammals, Trees, etc. But I never owned Reptiles & Amphibians for some reason. I ended up ordering the original (or nearly original) edition from . What is most interesting nowadays is to see how the relevant science was presented back in the 1950s, or whenever these editions came out. I know the various editions were heavily modernized in the 1980s and 1990s, with photographs (especially of the Planets, once Voyager had visited the outer planets), but also updated text. Amazingly, though, the Weather volume mentions the possibility of climate change--in 1957!

I am 64 years old now but had this same original book thru my early childhood. I bought 2 for my grandsons now.

It was basically the only book I had at the time that could ID many of my local reptiles. Brought back great memories!

When I was a little kid, I got 50 cents a week allowance, so it took two weeks to earn the cost of my first Zim book. I used it a lot and still have it. My grandkid loves to look at the pictures and when we catch a lizard or see a snake or a turtle we look it up together. This book never gets old.

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