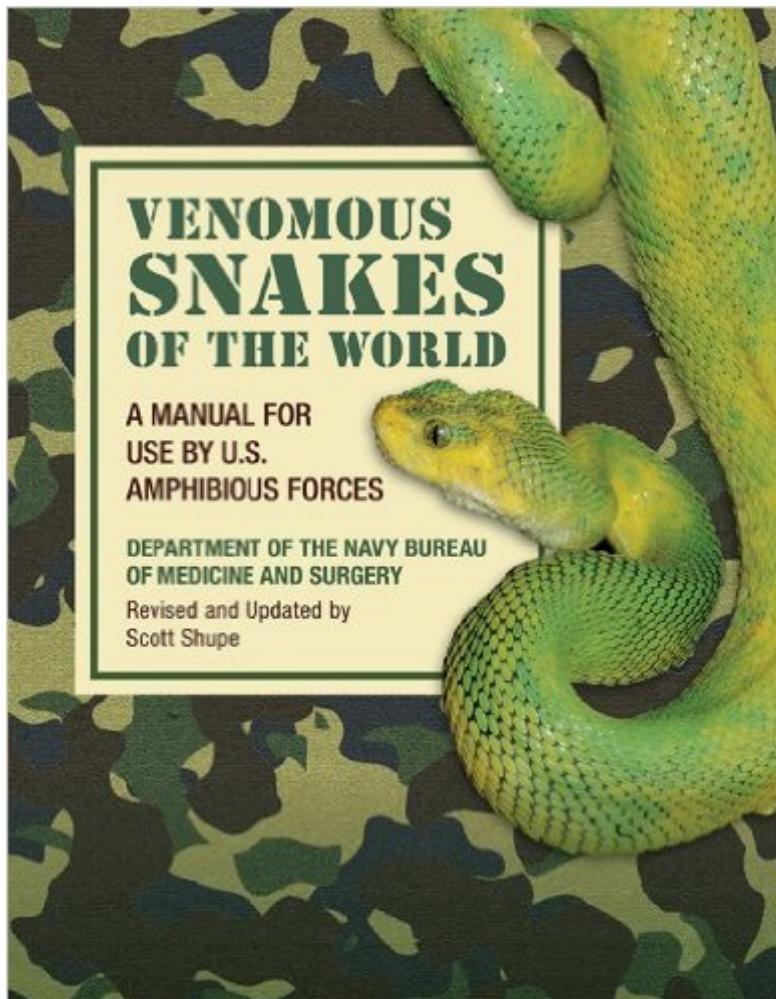


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Venomous Snakes Of The World: A Manual For Use By U.S. Amphibious Forces



Synopsis

Originally published in 1962, and fully updated and colorized by Scott Shupe, *Poisonous Snakes of the World* is the perfect practical guide to not only snake bite survival, but to understand and identifying every venomous snake on the planet. Even if no life hangs in the balance, this manual is a great reference guide for the outdoors enthusiast, the reptile lover, or anyone with a thirst for pragmatic, how-to knowledge. With this comprehensive edition, you will be armed with one of the most thorough volumes available for dealing with these incredible reptiles, including definitive advice on: Precautions to avoid snake bites. Identifying the symptoms and signs of snake venom poisoning. First-Aid and medical treatments. Recognizing poisonous snakes. Indigenous species to various regions around the world. Sources of Antivenin. Snakes can be among some of the most deadly creatures on the planet. They are also extremely fascinating, and by taking the proper precautions, can be enjoyed and appreciated. From the Monocle Cobra to the Gaboon Viper, learn to fear and respect these incredible reptiles.

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I had earlier reviewed the U. S. Navy manual "Poisonous Snakes of the World" (1965) and was pleased to find this modern (2012) update. Scott Shupe has corrected the various Latin names, based on modern taxonomic studies, and the illustrations have been much improved and expanded. The number of known venomous snakes (he also corrects "poisonous" to "venomous") has more than tripled, from 175 to 600, with most at least listed and a large number described. Range maps are included for most important species, a much needed improvement. Finally, a very much needed revision of first aid techniques was added. In reality this is not simply a revision, but a wholly re-written text. I found one typo on page 304. The photograph there is not of a cottonmouth but of a Sahara sand viper. Obviously this is just a mislabel and I have not as yet found any other problems. While this book is not a complete reference it is a relatively cheap review of the subject in a handy size and should serve its intended audience of service men and women, and travelers well.

I used the original text extensively when I did my thesis work on the medical management of snake bite and envenomation. Grateful for this beautiful new update! This reference is a must-have for Herpetologists and for scientists and physicians interested in snake venom and envenomation.

If you are a fan of venomous snakes, this book is one of the best overall references on the subject that I have seen. The information is both detailed and accessible which can be difficult to find in reference books. Many books like this either have pictures with little description or read like a biology textbook. In my opinion, this book has the best of both worlds: lots of pictures of common/rare snakes, habitat descriptions, and a breakdown of venom type and available antivenoms. I have owned a lot of snake books in my life and this is one of the best.

I gave this book as a gift the person who received it Said he really enjoyed the book... He works for animal control

Excellent book. Well researched. Excellent photos. A fascinating book for those interested in slithery things.

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