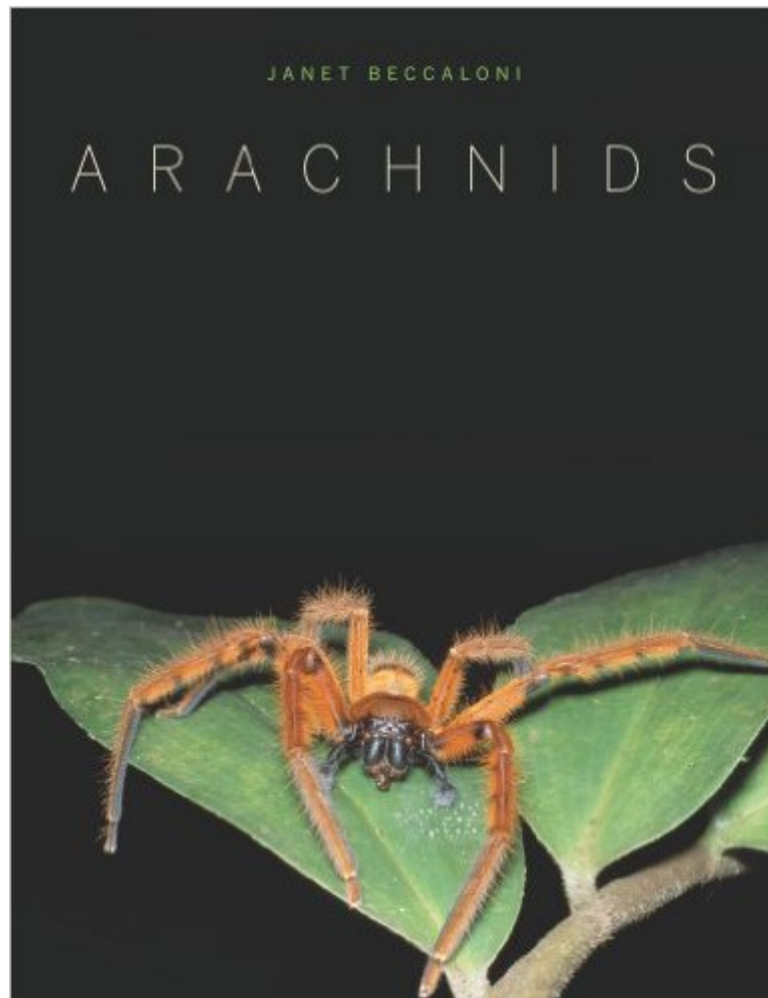


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# Arachnids



## Synopsis

With around 11 distinctive lineages and over 38,000 species of spiders alone, arachnids are an amazingly diverse group of invertebrates; and with names like the Goliath Bird-Eating Spider, the Tailless Whip Spider, and the Harvestman, they can be both spectacular and captivating. Most books about arachnids focus on spiders, neglecting scorpions, ticks, mites, wind spiders, and other fascinating yet poorly understood groups. This adventurous volume summarizes all existing knowledge about each major type of arachnid, revealing their secrets through detailed species accounts, brilliant photographs, and a compelling cast of eight-legged characters. It examines the anatomy, habitat, behavior and distribution of each lineage, from the garden spider to the death stalker scorpion and even a species of mite that lives inside a monkey's lungs. Drawing on the vast resources at London's Natural History Museum, *Arachnids* spins a sensational tale, debunking common myths and delving deep into the lives of these bizarre and beautiful creatures.

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## Customer Reviews

I love spiders and I saw this book advertised in a photography magazine, so I had to pick it up. All I can say is...Wow! The photography is awesome! And, the text is very informative. While one can never have too many spider pics, I was also fascinated by all the other arachnid species out there. And, I even discovered information on book scorpions, tiny scorpion-like arachnids that I'd often found living in books on my shelves that I never knew what they were. This is a book I turn to again and again for an overview of the arachnid world. While it would not be recommended for use as an

identification guide, it is a wonderful book about arachnids. And, it would make the perfect gift for that spider/scorpion/mite/etc lover in your life!

As a college student deeply interested in entomology, I ordered this book to get a light but thorough introduction to the arachnids. It gives a section to each order, beautiful pictures and lots of info. What is great is that, as the description says, it gives equal and thorough treatment to all the orders. Exactly what I wanted!

This is a great book for people wanting to understand arachnids or one of the member classes more. The photography is wonderful and fills chapter after chapter. The book is well written and the author has included the sources in the back so if you need a more scholarly reference you can easily look it up. I like it because it also includes diagrams for the external anatomy of spiders and scorpions, as well as some for the internal anatomy. I purchased two extra books to give as gifts to high school students so they could enjoy it as well. The only things I wish this book had was cladistic diagrams, the author breaks up the arachnids into their orders, and then into some families but there is no phylogenies. I think this is because it was written for a general interest audience, The book also omits ecological roles of arachnids, again probably for the same reason.

This book is a well written one about Arachnida, not just spiders but all the others not so well known arachnids. It covers all the known extant orders and provide a very good and reliable information for them. It has also very good pictures and interesting information about their biology. It could be used for beginners and also as an add in Undergraduate Biology Courses. I am a professor in a Biology Course in Brazil and I am sure it will help me a lot in my next semestre.

I started learning from the moment I turned the pages of this fascinating scientific text book on Arachnids. It covers some unique and unusual species and is written by an expert in her field. I would highly recommend it, unless you are simply looking for a small field guide.

This is an excellent overview of the main arachnid orders, including awesome scorpions and mites, but if you are looking strictly for a spider book, you will be disappointed. The spider section is quite limited. The pictures are incredible, though.

This book is OUTSTANDING! It goes SO much more in depth into the biology and behavior of

arachnids ( NOT JUST spiders and scorpions) It covers a lot of material and the price is so low I thought this book would cost WAY more. If you're looking to get it for captive care tips this is the WRONG book but if you want more info on the anatomy and biology of arachnids this book fits the bill in every way. BUY IT

Jan Beccaloni is no stranger to the world of arachnids, and her knowledge and understanding of the field make this an outstanding textbook for those interested in learning more about these animals. That her focus is not narrowly confined to a small portion of the globe, but extends worldwide, makes her book all the more valuable. For those with a good grip on one or several of the arachnid orders, but with a lesser understanding of the rest, her book serves as a good reference to the entire class. The photography is superb, and her descriptions are thorough. I use my copy daily.

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