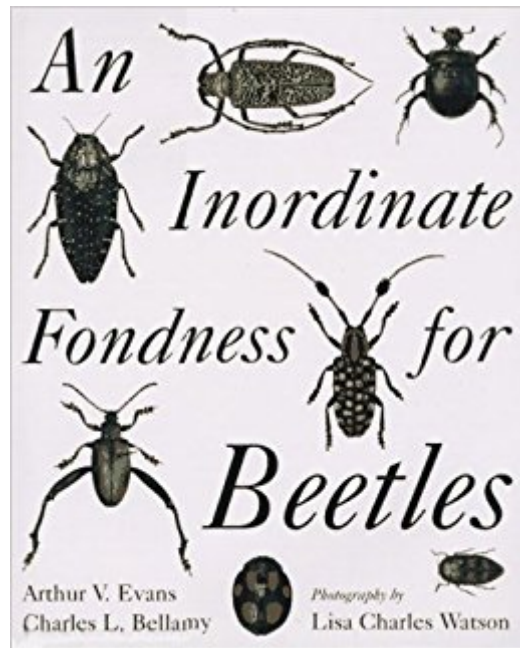




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An Inordinate Fondness For Beetles (Henry Holt Reference Book)



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Customer Reviews

There is a story, possibly apocryphal, that an English cleric asked the noted evolutionist J.B.S. Haldane what could be inferred about the Creator from the works of nature. Haldane is reported to have replied, "An inordinate fondness for beetles." ! In fact, approximately one-fifth of all known species are beetles--350,000 and growing (and yours truly even discovered a beetle species in 1986)--yet most people know very little about this remarkable group of organisms. This is one of the best coffee-table books I have ever seen about the creepy critters, and the full-color photos of iridescent, brightly colored, or architecturally elaborate beetle gems is sure to instill an inordinate fondness for beetles among children, artists, and anyone with a love of nature.

YA. A beautiful and thorough look at the entire realm of beetles including the locales in which they are found, history, anatomy and physiology, and their relationships with humans. The incredible full-color photographs bring readers up close without a magnifying lens at hand, and the seemingly infinite variations within the species due to size, structure, and color are easily seen. Diagrams clarify concepts that could not be photographed. If the outstanding, large, colorful photos do not grab browsers' attention, the opening statement will: "Beetles...representing a fifth of all living

organisms...." While the text is scientific, it is very readable. The appendixes supply information not found in other books. While this title will not serve as a guide for identification, it is an excellent resource for naturalists. ?Gary Fillmore, W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VACopyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The authors have gathered a stunning collection of photos- the type usually reserved for cursory photographic display. In contrast, the text provides sufficient discussion of general insect anatomy, morphology and reproduction (amply demonstrated by specific beetles) on which to ground an introductory college entomology course. This is not to suggest the text is horridly dry... only that it delves far deeper than one might expect. Given the substance of the writing, the authors are commendably clear. I would recommend this book to any budding entomologist, to anyone who wishes to reacquaint themselves with insects, or to anyone simply awed by the diversity of beetles... just don't expect a coffee table book.

This is a wonderful book for both the beginner and those more advanced. Well written text and superb pictures of this very interesting insect family.

Got this for my husband's birthday because he was repeatedly checking out from the library, and he still loves and occasionally uses this book. It's been about a year since we bought the book.

Love the information in this book. I keep it on the coffee table and friends always flip through and have positive comments.

I just got it a couple of days ago, but it's definitely my current favorite book. It's really fantastic. Beautiful. I've only read a little, but have flipped through all of the pages already. Tons of fantastic pictures. I haven't read much, but it's fascinating so far. Really great book.

this is a wonderful book by an eminent entomologist. The photographs are superb. The text is fascinating and informative. After reading this book, you will love beetles.

Excellent

Extremely well written. Amazing coverage of the largest and most successful Order of animals on

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