

Fun With Nature: Take Along Guide (Take Along Guides)



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Synopsis

Fun with Nature helps kids discover the incredible world in their backyards. It is a compilation of seven bestselling titles: Caterpillars, Bugs and Butterflies; Frogs, Toads and Turtles; Snakes, Salamanders and Lizards; Rabbits, Squirrels and Chipmunks; Tracks, Scats and Signs; and Trees, Leaves and Bark. This entertaining book is filled with fascinating facts and awesome activities.

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Customer Reviews

Fun with Nature is six nature handbooks in one. Each of the book's six sections--"Caterpillars, Bugs and Butterflies

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I bought this book along with a Carson Adventure Pak Containing 5x30 Binocular, Lensatic Compass, Flashlight, & Whistle/Thermometer so that we could start bird-watching and taking nature walks as a family. This book does not have much on birds, but the companion book Birds, Nests & Eggs (Take-Along Guides) can be purchased separately for bird watching. Although this book is hardbound and heavy, it is still compact enough to insert into a backpack and take along on a nature walk or hike. This book is actually a compilation of six different books: two written by Mel Boring, three written by Diane L. Burns, and one written by Leslie Dendy. Illustrations for all six books by Linda Garrow. We have already completed the "Make a Pinecone SnackBar" activity, and my daughter wants to complete the "Make a Toad House" activity next. This book is great and will keep children and adults entertained as a family for some time. I like the scrapbook that is provided at the end of each book for notes and observations. FIVE STARS!! Here is a break-down of the book:

- Caterpillars, Bugs and Butterflies (Mel Boring) - Introduction, a sub-section on Caterpillars, a sub-section on Bugs, a sub-section on Butterflies and Moths, an activity at the end of each sub-section, and a scrapbook at the end.
- Frogs, Toads and Turtles (Diane L. Burns) - Introduction, a sub-section on Frogs, a sub-section on Toads, a sub-section on Turtles, an activity at the end of each sub-section, and a scrapbook at the end.
- Snakes, Salamanders and Lizards (Diane L. Burns) - Introduction, a sub-section on Snakes, a sub-section on Salamanders, and a sub-section on Lizards, an activity at the end of each sub-section, and a scrapbook at the end.
- Rabbits, Squirrels and Chipmunks (Mel Boring) - Introduction, a sub-section on Rabbits, a sub-section on Squirrels, a sub-section on Chipmunks, two activities at the end of the Rabbits sub-section, one activity at the end of the Squirrels sub-section, two activities at the end of the Chipmunks sub-section, and a scrapbook at the end.
- Tracks, Scats and Signs (Leslie Dendy) - Introduction, a page on safety, a sub-section on The Forest, a sub-section on The Field, and a sub-section on The Pond, an activity at the end of each sub-section, and a scrapbook at the end.
- Trees, Leaves and Bark (Diane L. Burns) - Introduction, 16 sub-sections on various trees, four activities, and a scrapbook at the end.

I bought this book as a beginning nature reference guide for my 3 1/2 year old son who loves nature walks and just discovering science things in our suburban neighborhood backyard. I'm a fairly picky children's book buyer, and I really love this book. The illustrations are beautiful and detailed, the level is simple enough to read to my preschooler, and yet detailed enough to still be used with an older child (I would say up to 11 years old), and there are nice nature project ideas at the end of each chapter that we actually DID! I really like how the information is divided into different sections

by topics (Caterpillars, Bugs, Salamanders, Trees, Scats, etc) for easy reference. The only thing I would note is that it is too heavy to put in his little nature backpack, so it is more of a 'home' book.

We already owned Birds, Nests, and Eggs from this series and had the others from the series on our wish list. I was very pleasantly surprised to find this gem which has several books from the series packed into one volume for less than half the price of buying all the single editions, and in hardcover no less! We bought both this one and its sister book More Fun With Nature, but the boys loved this most. With lots of accurate pictures and descriptions of lizards, frogs, bugs, squirrels, and (sigh) yes, hilarious scat (boys), it has proven a great educational tool and just a plain ol' interesting book to look through. Easy little projects interspersed throughout are a fun bonus.

We homeschool our children and love this book. It is organized by different types of animals and trees and is filled with beautiful illustrations and useful information. You learn everything from animal habitats to identification through those habitats and even animal scat (poop)! The pages are thick and also provide room for drawing or writing. The hardcover makes it sturdy as you will want to use this book again and again.

Now this is a great book! My daughter received this for her 7th birthday and everytime she finds a new plant insect or fish, she grabs this nature guide and looks inside to learn about it. The illustrations are great and it's very straight forward. Perfect for a budding reader and any other curious kid who loves the outdoors.

This guidebook is a compilation of 6 other guidebooks. The information is detailed enough for children but not overwhelming (one page per animal/plant). The drawings are colorful and appear to be exact. Each section includes related activities to do with your child and journal pages for your child to draw his/her findings. I also love that this book is hardback. It is heavy to carry on nature walks but it will outlast a paperback version.

I love these nature guides. Lots of pictures and lots of info. My kids love them because they contain a lot of commonly found items or animals. Now for someone who is looking for tons of different kinds of birds or tons of different kinds of bugs, this probably wouldn't work. But for someone who has kids who just want to walk around outside and just see what you can find - this book contains a

lot of common stuff and I sure you will find some things outside that is listed in this book. My kids and I have really enjoyed them. We have both of these large books in this series. I recommend having both if you can get them.

The only thing is this is very heavy - not really a take along book

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