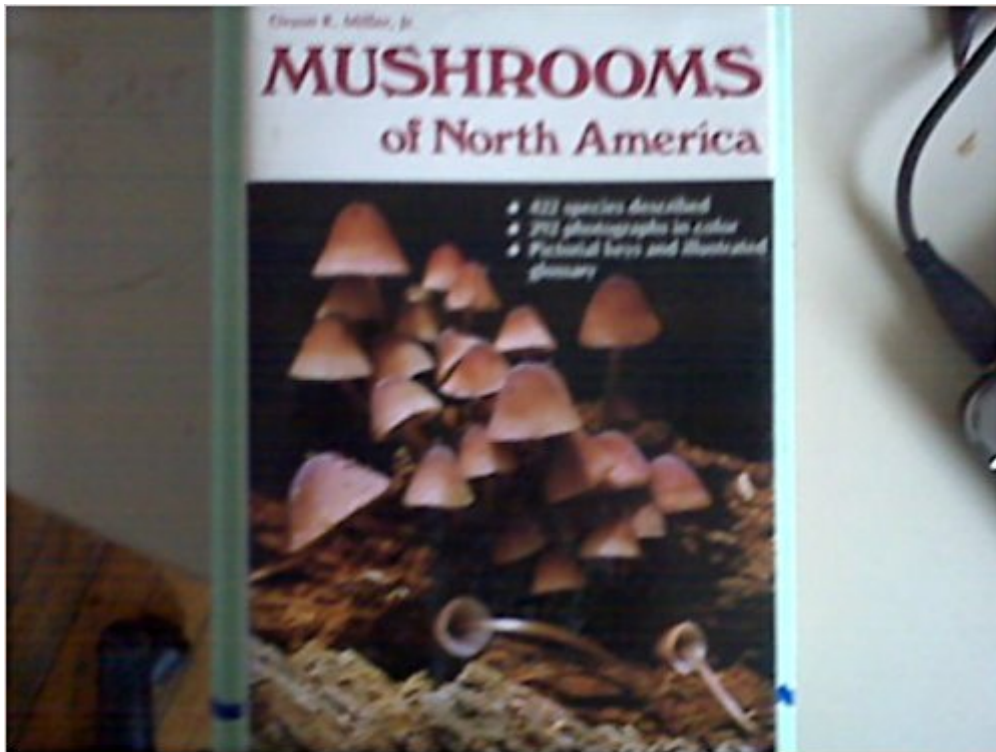


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This book is a good pictorial field reference of North American mushrooms. At the very beginning of the book, immediately following the table of contents, is a picture key, a description of how to use the keys, a verbal key to the major groups of fungi, and a metric/inch ruler for aid in measurement. Next comes a general introduction, in which are described the main features of mushroom biology, methods for collecting and studying mushrooms, mushrooms names, seasons for collection mushrooms, edibility and preparation, and mushroom toxins. The main part of the book consists of the mushroom identification guide, organized according to the key of major mushroom groups. For each major group, there is a more specific key to identify the exact species. Each species then has a brief article that includes the scientific name, common names, edibility, tips on culinary preparation (if relevant), textual description, and notes about other similar species. Most, but not all, the articles are accompanied by high-quality color photographs. End material includes a very useful illustrated glossary, a textual glossary, a bibliography, and an index. The keys are reasonably clear; however, I must admit that I frequently skip the keys and just flip through the pictures on the chance of finding an immediate answer. Indeed, since for the gilled mushrooms, the first question in the keys is spore color, the keys can't really be used in the field since you need to take a spore print and wait for the colors to develop before you can use the keys. The textual descriptions of individual species tend to

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