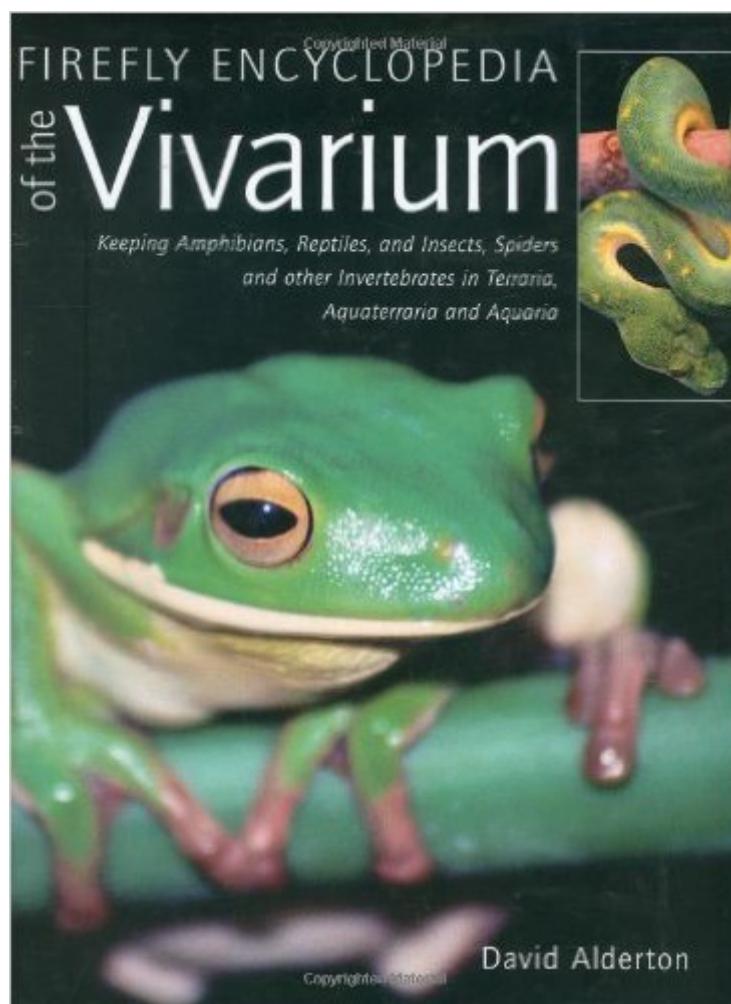


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Synopsis

Keeping iguanas, frogs, insects and other invertebrates in a glass world is a popular pursuit. This practical, fully illustrated guide has everything the enthusiast needs to know, with a focus on beginners. A one-stop reference for those starting out with a terrarium or vivarium, it covers the entire spectrum of suitable animals, from invertebrates to large snakes and lizards. David Alderton explains how to design setups that re-create natural habitats, as well as more clinical environments for closely monitoring difficult or delicate species. A brief account of some of the more suitable vivarium plants and their requirements is also included. The book is divided into three main sections -- Reptiles, Amphibians and Invertebrates -- with extensive cross-referencing between them. There are detailed presentations on all key areas: Basic biology Housing Equipment Controlling the environment Furnishings: clinical and naturalistic Checklist of plants and methods of planting Food and feeding Breeding Health. A comprehensive directory of species provides specific information on breeds suitable for beginners. This easy-to-use, illustrated volume presents all the most up-to-date information in a single volume, giving the enthusiast a complete reference.

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This book only skims the very surface of reptile husbandry and the profile of vivarium animals are not well explained, if at all. There's barely any info on how to set up an attractive vivarium and it's also lacking many things a good reptile husbandry book should have (nutritional values of foods, supplementing frequency, lighting & heating brands, etc). I've also seen some wild-assed speculation (WAS) on certain areas; it often leaves the reader confused. There are also several

husbandry errors and outdated info. The only thing positive I can say about this book is the abundance of full color pictures. If you must buy this book, please don't use it as your only source of info.

This book was a complete waste of my time. Fortunately I got it from our local library. The selection of animals is quite limited with some taxa not even featured with a photo. It is more about animals than plants or vivaria per se, and yet, as said, the animals receive only cursory treatments. What is this book for? I suspect it exists to sell books for the company and is not in existence to help new vivaria-ists. Stay away!

It's not the best Reptile and Amphibians book, but it gives you a very good idea of the animals and their needs. Most of the described animals don't have a picture, so you really don't get the complete idea of them. It's a good starter book, but certainly not for those that already know the basics for reptiles and amphibians.

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