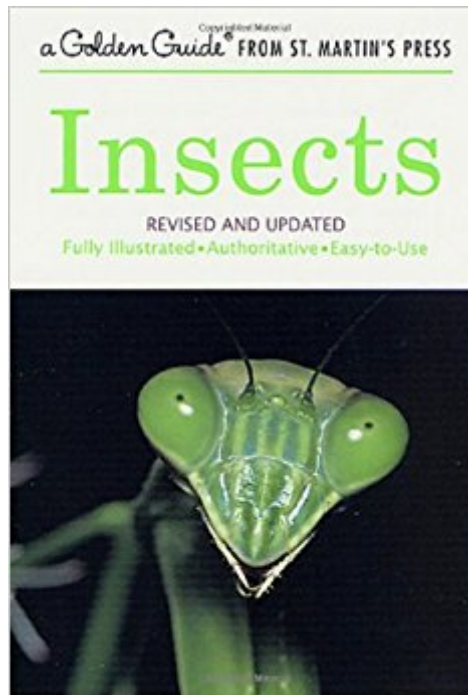




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Golden Guides first appeared in 1949 and quickly established themselves as authorities on subjects from Natural History to Science. Relaunched in 2000, Golden Guides from St. Martin's Press feature modern, new covers as part of a multi-year, million-dollar program to revise, update, and expand the complete line of guides for a new generation of students.

I am a hobbyist woodworker that wanted to know a bit more about trees. This book made me look at trees a lot different. Now, when i go on runs, i don't stop staring at trees and trying to guess what they are. When I'm walking around i can pull up this guide on my phone and semi-easily identify which tree I am looking at. However, the formatting could be a bit more consistent in this guide. For example, some trees don't have maps, some trees don't have illustrations. Also, the start of new types of trees are shown differently (oaks had a small description and then descriptions for each oak while maple had a large centered heading and then the descriptions of each maple)

A great first book to familiarize oneself with common insects and characteristics of insect orders. Wore out a copy as a child, another as an adult. Have bought copies for my children, grandson, and numerous budding young insect enthusiasts.

Very good-quality book. I lend it out to my friends every now & again. Has drawings, not pictures, but they are very accurate and easy to read & understand. Has a few pages dedicated only to Oak Trees leaves & acorns, too! (White Oak p85, Black Oak p97, and their acorns) Of course, lots of other trees, too! Measurements in feet & inches, not cm and meters, like some books. Definitely worth the purchase - For you, your friends, your library, and your purse or backpack. Mine is the (c) 2001 "Revised and Updated" version

Actually I thought I was ordering The Audubon Society Field Guide, and I received the St. Martin's Press Golden Guide. I guess the Audubon book is out of print, but the little Golden Guide is a fine substitute. I'm a Master Gardener and need to identify various "bugs" that are brought in for identification. The illustrations in this book are very useful. Also the book is tiny and can be carried in a pocket when out in the field. It's easy to use too. I'd give it five stars.

Price and size are what makes this guide so great. It provides a good overview of insects in a very portable format, particularly for my young daughter to put in her pocket before we explore the great outdoors. The small size, however, means that the illustrations are not as large or detailed as we would prefer. It also limits the amount of specific information that can be included. We recently relocated to the Pacific Northwest and have found region-specific books (particularly from Lone Pine Publishers) to be superb. I recommend this as a great resource at a very good price.

Purchased for granddaughter, age 5, and she loves all of these books about nature. I read to her about the things she gets interested in by the pictures.

I'm replacing an old Golden Guide Insects book with this newer (by several decades) version. I enjoy the size of the book and pictures and simple text that allow me to figure out what kind of "bug" is that. Now that I have a grandson who is just as fascinated with bugs as I am, we can go exploring together with our "bug book."

This book is an excellent field guide, as is the rest of the Golden Guides. I carry this on me when I'm in the field at work for quick identification of species. While it is a smaller book and does not have an extensive amount of information on each species, it has just enough to know what you are looking at in the field so you can research at a later date, saving you from lugging a huge identification key around.

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