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Tarantulas And Other Arachnids (Complete Pet Owner's Manuals)
**Synopsis**

Despite their ferocious reputation, tarantulas are fascinating animals to observe, and can be kept in a home terrarium. This volume advises on their maintenance and care. Books in the Complete Pet Owner's Manuals series present basic information about pets for new or soon-to-be owners. Advice and instruction covers feeding, housing, health care, training, grooming, protection against hazards, and more. Texts emphasize pet care basics and are easy for all readers to understand, but most titles also present facts that even experienced pet owners and breeders will find new and useful. All books in this series are filled with high quality full-color photos and instructive line art.

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**Customer Reviews**

This book has some serious shortcomings. It lists the tarantulas by their common, rather than scientific, names, which makes looking up specific species difficult, as many have multiple common names. The articles have interesting trivia about the tarantulas, but finding specific care information for them is difficult. The index is fairly useless; for example, neither "arboreal" nor "terrestrial" (nor their layman's alternatives) are listed, and there is no glossary of terms. It's easier to find the section you want using the table of contents. I would recommend this book as an add-on, rather than a primary resource, for anyone who might be even slightly serious about keeping tarantulas. Buy "The Tarantula Keeper's Guide" instead, or at least first.
I chose this item because my little son (5 yrs old) was attracted by arachnids in general and specifically by tarantulas. I do think that the writer is an expert in tarantulas breeding, storage and management. Reading this book I realized that buying and growing a tarantula is much less easy than expected. Therefore, I don't think I will buy one. Anyway, the review is complete and well explained in every issue treated by the author, especially how to choose the most safe one. I recommend this book to all those beginners who want to share a part of their life with these particular animals!

Great book and it gives more info and better info for a novice. Recommend this be a first, initial book for beginners.

Tarantulas and Other Arachnids by Samuel D Marshall was an interesting read however the information presented in the book what a bit dated.

Really nice photography, but some of the info is imprecise or worse, inaccurate. I recommend The Tarantula Keepers Guide by Stan Schulz instead. It's the most in-depth, useful tarantula keeping book I've ever found.

good product to read if you bugs

great input

My 15 year old uses this book over and over again to learn about raising his tarantulas, it's a great informative book!

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