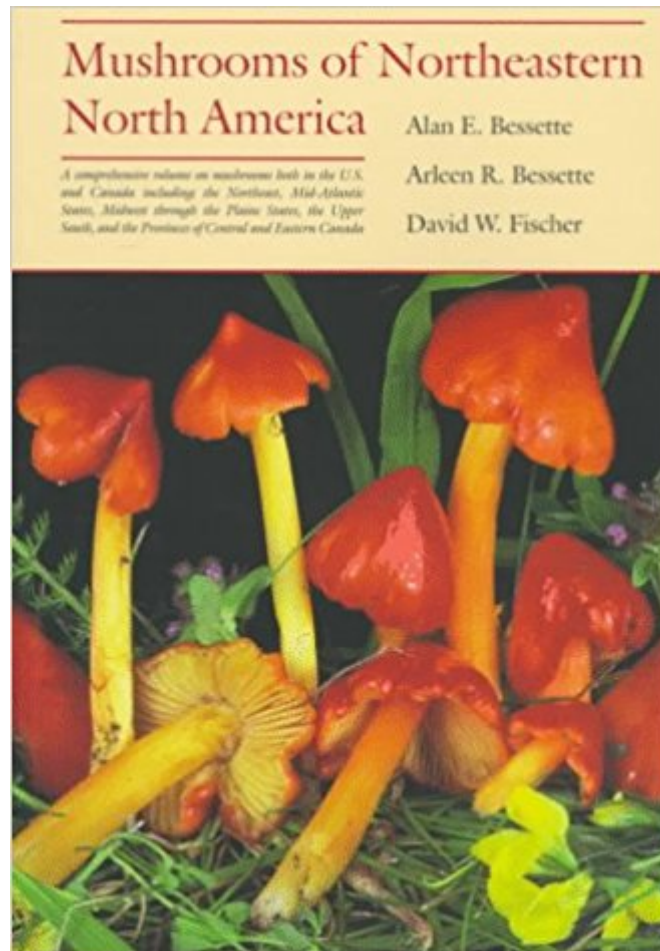




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Synopsis

This encyclopaedic volume, including 1500 species and 650 illustrations, shows the diversity of mycoflora throughout all of northeastern North America. It provides a reference for mushroom identification in the region, and has full descriptions and easy-to-follow keys.

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Customer Reviews

Bessette is a psychologist and botanical photographer.

Absolutely 5 stars! It's Must for everybody who likes mushroom hunting since this book is a "Mushroom encyclopedia of the Northeast". Although it doesn't substitute for everything, nothing better has been yet written on this topic. However, I would suggest to put stickers in the book to mark the pages with mushroom pictures. And then, "go backwards": first, look at the pictures and after that, read the descriptions. Doing the opposite may get confusing. A little odd organization of the book just makes it much-much cheaper for us to buy it. And I believe it was very thoughtful for Alan Bessette to arrange it this way in spite of many people critique since such a design of publication makes the book well compatible with our family budgets that would be hardly so had he arranged it otherwise.

This is my go-to book when I need to identify mushrooms. I have a bunch of mushroom identification books and always go back to this one. Nice color photos, and the keys I need to help identify the species. Well organized. Doesn't cover the vast variety of boletes, so I bought it with the

North American Boletes book by the same author.

Overall I have found this book helpful, but the layout of the photo reference section and the description that matches the photo is a little confusing. It would have been better to give a page number at the bottom of each photo linking it to the written description. I personally went thru my book and crossed referenced the photo to the page with description. I would like to say that the section on boletes is one of the better ones that I have seen so far. I would personal like to see photos of each mushroom in its complete life cycle. Alot of mushrooms look alot different when young. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in mushroom hunting. It is a great addition to add for beginners to serious mushroom hunters that enjoy the outdoors.

This book was purchased at the request of my husband, who has been hunting and researching mushrooms for many years. We read many of the reviews posted and wondered if the pictures would be too small or blurry or confusing, but decided to try it anyway, and he just received it today and is quite satisfied with it; finds the format similar to other books he has and thinks it makes a great study book for those who are already pretty well informed. He particularly liked the section on boletes, and thinks the research is very comprehensive.

The tempting potential of this book title is definitely not realized upon holding it in your hands. Organized so that it doesn't facilitate ease of use, it falters as both a reference manual or guide. The photos are clumped at the back of each genus section with no correlating page numbers to link to the descriptions and the descriptions give no page numbers to link to the photos. Flip alphabetically through the photos and finally you will find what you are looking for. The color plates are small and not so helpful for identification. Who designs a book this way? The three authors of the book seem to want to make accessing their knowledge a difficult and aggravating procedure. I should have returned this volume before I creased the spine with all my exasperated page flipping. If your time is of the essence, this book will take up a lot of it. Bassette's North American BOLETES is arranged the same way.

Very big reference book packed with a huge amount of information to aid in the correct identification of mushrooms. This isn't a picture book to page through. Great in helping clear up some gray areas of doubt that may have been left by other field guides and websites. When it comes to mushrooms there are no "stand alone" sources of information but this one certainly helps.

The keys to identification are the most complete of all my books. The photographic plates are good too. It is so complete that it is too heavy to take along in your mushroom basket.

We have found this to be a great addition to our mushroom identification library, especially since it concentrates on fungi in our area -- no thumbing through pages of west coast mushrooms! Pictures are excellent, as well as the descriptions and identifying characteristics. And it isn't too heavy to lug around! I would highly recommend it.

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