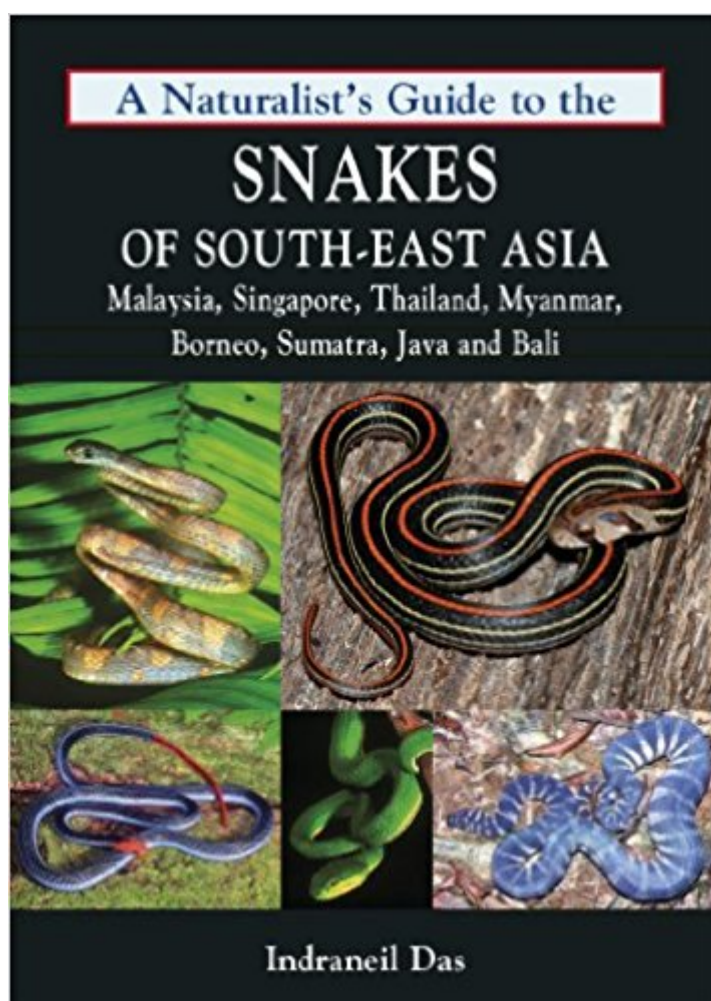


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Customer Reviews

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Not a bad resource, but the descriptions don't include important behaviors. For example, the Malayan pit viper is one of the most dangerous snakes in SEA because it doesn't move when threatened. It stays completely still until the threat is within striking distance. Nothing is mentioned about this behavior, or it's consequences. I would consider this essential information for a field

guide. Also, the book is very small, like a field guide. If it wasn't meant as a field guide, they should have increased the size of the type, which is so tiny it's difficult to read. The photos could have been better as well. Though mostly adequate, they are rather small and some are so dark or poorly framed as to be almost useless. Of course, increasing the size of the type and the photos would have made the book larger. Nevertheless, I think larger type and larger photos would have improved its usefulness. Still, the book does contain a lot of information and includes nearly all the snakes one might encounter in SEA. And it is very compact. Too much so, in my opinion.

The photographs need to be larger. Apart from that this is an important guide which covers countries which are too often lacking in information about snakes.

The utility of this book is quite low. I bought it to help identify which snakes are poisonous. Sadly, this book does not provide that information. The photographs are nice, and that is the only reason I am keeping it. But as a reference book it is virtually useless. My family and I spend substantial time in Southeast Asia every year, and this book was ordered to help us avoid danger. Valueless for that purpose.

This is small and would be good to pack with you as a field guide. The book feels stout and well made; the pages are thick and glossy. This lacks range maps and in-depth information. If you simply need a guide that will help you identify snakes in Southeast Asia, this will help you, I'm certain. The photos are crisp and done well. I would have preferred some range maps, and natural history.

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