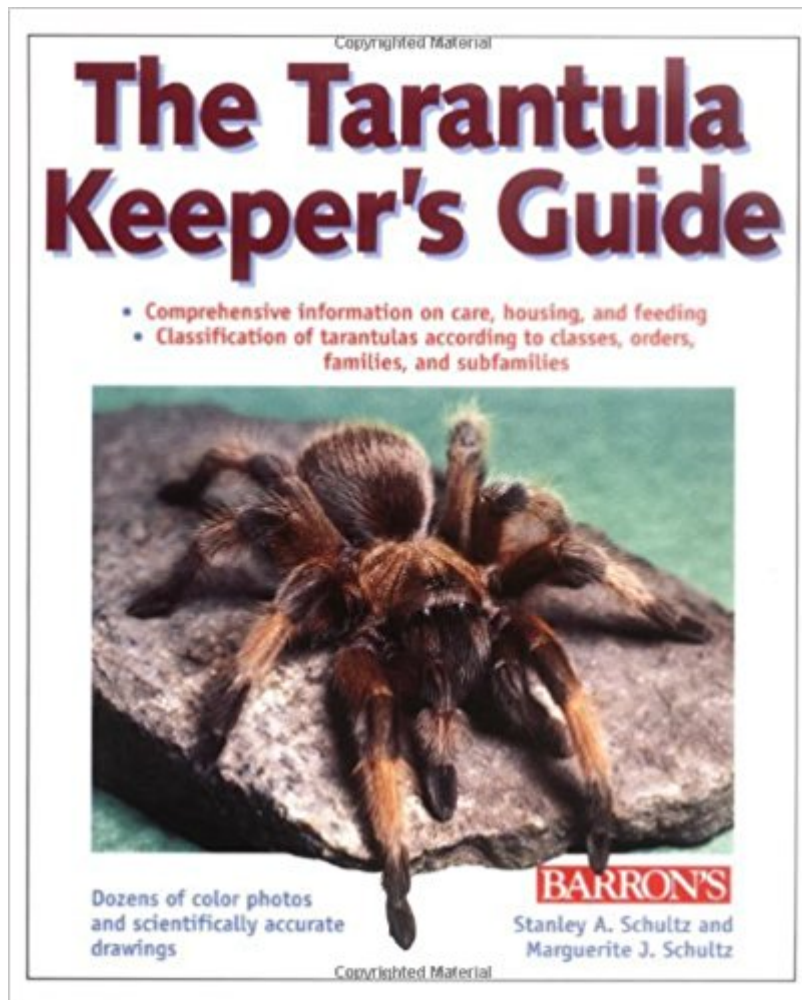




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# Tarantula Keeper's Guide, The



## Synopsis

Here is the definitive word on tarantulas for collectors of exotic pets, and for life science students specializing in arachnids (spiders and their relatives). The book opens with a detailed description of the tarantula's origins, anatomy, and physiology. Comprehensive information on care, housing, and feeding is provided for all who want to keep one or more tarantulas as pets or for scientific research. And for those who prefer to do it themselves, there is even advice on where and how to capture a tarantula in the wild! Extensive tables classify tarantulas according to classes, orders, families, and subfamilies. Still another table outlines measures one should take in the event of a tarantula bite--though in many cases a bite is little more than a passing annoyance. Dozens of color photos and scientifically accurate drawings illustrate virtually everything the reader needs to know about these exotic creatures.

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"For the keen enthusiast there is one book that is regarded world wide as the bible of tarantula keeping and that book is The Tarantula Keeper's Guide. The book is in reality a keeper's manual as well as being a very enjoyable read for the enthusiast. It will immediately become your first port of call for reference purposes. It is suitable for beginner through to advanced enthusiasts. I cannot recommend this book too highly. Every tarantula keeper should have a copy in their library. If you only buy one book on tarantulas this should be that book. Run, don't walk to your computer and order a copy now." Charles Senescall Australian Invertebrates Forum --This

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So this book is getting to be a bit dated now, having been published about 8 years ago now. I myself have had tarantulas for about 25 years now. Certainly the authors are very knowledgeable on the subject. They also seemed to have gathered lots of great info, especially on some tarantula breeds that aren't we'll known. Also there is no doubt that this book contains LOTS of information. The problem I have with the book is much of it seems like a mind-dump of information, but its not really organized in the best way, and often its very hard to find what you are looking for. Another problem is that the authors often refer to each tarantula by its scientific name, which is great for scientists, but they also need to include the comon name for, you know, us readers. Look up Curly Hair tarantula in the index and you find NOTHING. So you need to go to the Internet, type in Curly Hair tarantula, find its scientific name, then look that up. Overall there are LOTS of scientific names, and it takes endless name conversions to understand this book. Oh, and there is a third problem. Much of this book is references to other parts of this book, which gets old after a while. So your in the Chilean Rose tarantula sections, wait sorry, I mean the Grammostola rosea section, and instead of just giving you details there, this book leads you to all different other areas of the book for snippets. Overall if you are willing to spend lots and lots of time decoding this book, its full of information, but its not a quick reference and I can tell you a few parts of it are also wrong and need updating. The author needs to start from scratch and rewrite and reorganize it. Get rid of the rambling and organize it in an approachable way. Maybe a bit less college textbook and a bit more practical guide.

In a sea of random information all over the internet on tarantula keeping this book is an oasis. It both confirmed many practices as well as explained why some are plain wrong that I have read elsewhere and online. Definitely worth having on hand if you are new to tarantula keeping or are thinking about getting into the hobby. Reads easy and tons of good, quality information.

2nd Edition is an incredible upgrade to the first. Highest regards to the authors. If you are considering getting a tarantula, this is an exhaustive resource. Well researched and written - it should be required reading for a tarantula owner.

EVERYTHING a person could want to know before deciding to buy a tarantula. This book is exhaustive, detailed, and the authors are FUNNY to boot. I thoroughly enjoyed it. And decided that

keeping a T is not for me at this time in my life. Perhaps in the future! Please do read this book before buying a Tarantula. If you decide to go for it you will be really well-equipped to handle just about anything, from substrate requirements to bites to creating an Intensive Care Unit for a sick spider. Excellent book. And so much fun to read that I bought a copy for my brother.

All the info. in the book can be found for free online. I was hoping this book would provide me with more in-depth information given the word "comprehensive" save your money and just use the internet. You should look up breed specific information anyway,

This is a great book on Tarantula's. Lots of good information for spider lovers.

If you own or are thinking of owning tarantulas. THIS IS A MUST READ. I still reference it frequently and I have been in the hobby nearly 15 years.

Great book for those interested in the ecology and care of this friendly household pet. Nicely illustrated and thorough.

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