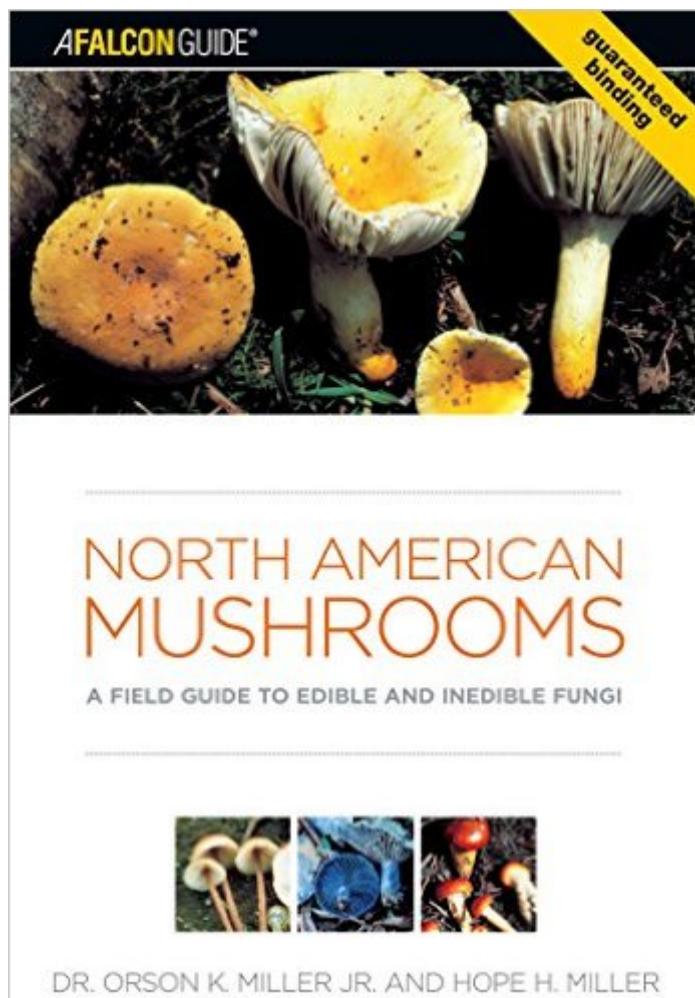


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# North American Mushrooms: A Field Guide To Edible And Inedible Fungi (Falconguide)



## Synopsis

North American Mushrooms is a field guide to more than 600 edible and inedible mushrooms that can be found across the United States and Canada. Filled with full color photographs, detailed identification information, and illustrated keys and glossaries to assist with identification, this book also features mushroom lore and helpful information on gathering and using wild mushrooms.

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MY EXPERIENCE> I attempted to identify about two dozen species of South Florida mushrooms using NORTH AMERICAN MUSHROOMS. About half of the species are in NAM, but look very different. The other half are not in NAM. I found the names of the mushrooms using Google images, and then confirmed the ranges and other info using NAM.> I do not collect wild mushrooms to eat, and based on this experience would never rely on NAM to identify edible/inedible mushrooms.> This is NOT a guide to edible mushrooms, because such a guide would require discussions of poisonous "look-alikes". Many of the "edible" species in NAM have poisonous "look alikes" which are NOT in NAM.PROS> Great rugged binding---can survive field use.> Great sharp clear photos, beautifully reproduced.> Excellent supporting text (description, habitat and range, and useful comments)CONS> One photo per species (albeit usually of several specimens), which is inadequate to show the range of color, range of growth forms, or even variations as some mushrooms mature.> Very poor index. Species are not indexed by genera (i.e., you can find "applanatum, Ganoderma" but not "Ganoderma applanatum"). Genera are indexed only for general

and key pages, not entry pages---so, if you've got a good idea of the genus, you cannot easily find the species which belong to that genus.> The more you use NAM, the easier it gets and the more valuable it becomes, but it is a steep learning curve.> Has reasonably good text and illustrated keys to groups. Most unfortunately these are not integrated with the glossaries nor with the main descriptive text of the book.

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