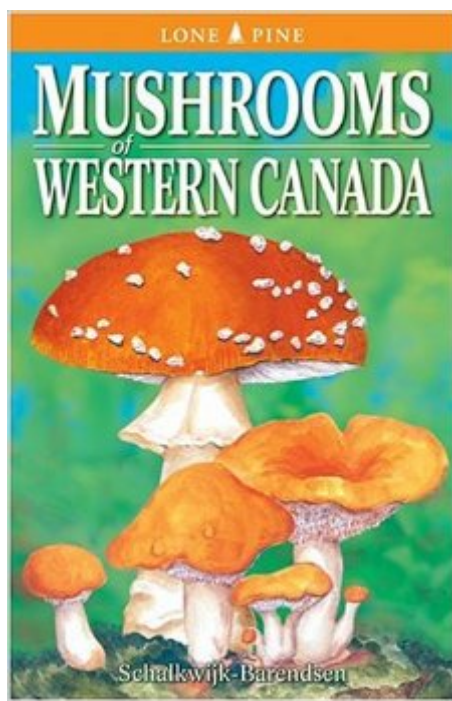


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# Mushrooms Of Western Canada



## Synopsis

More than 500 species of mushrooms found from Manitoba to the Pacific Coast are described in detail and meticulously illustrated in full colour. Includes information on habitat, distribution, identification and edibility, with indexes for common names, genera and species, as well as an illustrated glossary.

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This is a gem of a book on mushroom but it is limited to the species found in Northwest North America: Nonetheless the book should be on the reference shelf of any writer and researcher keen on writing or knowing about mushrooms. I am not an expert in the study of mycology and my knowledge of mushroom relates to those used in culinary practices. Such day to day varieties as ceps, chanterelle, morel, portobello, shiitake, to name a few which I use in various dishes, though a few of them are mentioned, it is not to say that one cannot enrich his/her knowledge of the subject by perusing the book. However, as a lay person, I find the book loaded with descriptions of some of the common and not so common varieties, with each type identified as to its botanical name and characteristic. There are several which are poisonous and they are properly identified. What I like most and would like to refer to the readers is the definition of the mushroom on page 10 in the paragraph titled: "What is Mushroom". To a lay person the definition gives the basic knowledge about mushroom. The illustrations, incidentally, are so beautifully presented that one would be tempted instantly to look for, pluck and eat.

While the artwork is great, and the descriptions are good, the guide is lacking the good step by step key that many other books have. I have found myself turning through many pages, looking at pictures to try to find the species of a new mushroom I found. Many other books have simple, step by step id keys that when followed, take you directly to the right mushroom, or at least a page with a few similar ones. The key at the beginning of this one only sorts mushrooms by spore colour, and does not include any information about habitat or size.

Great book. Not quite as good as the autobahn society book. But pretty great.

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