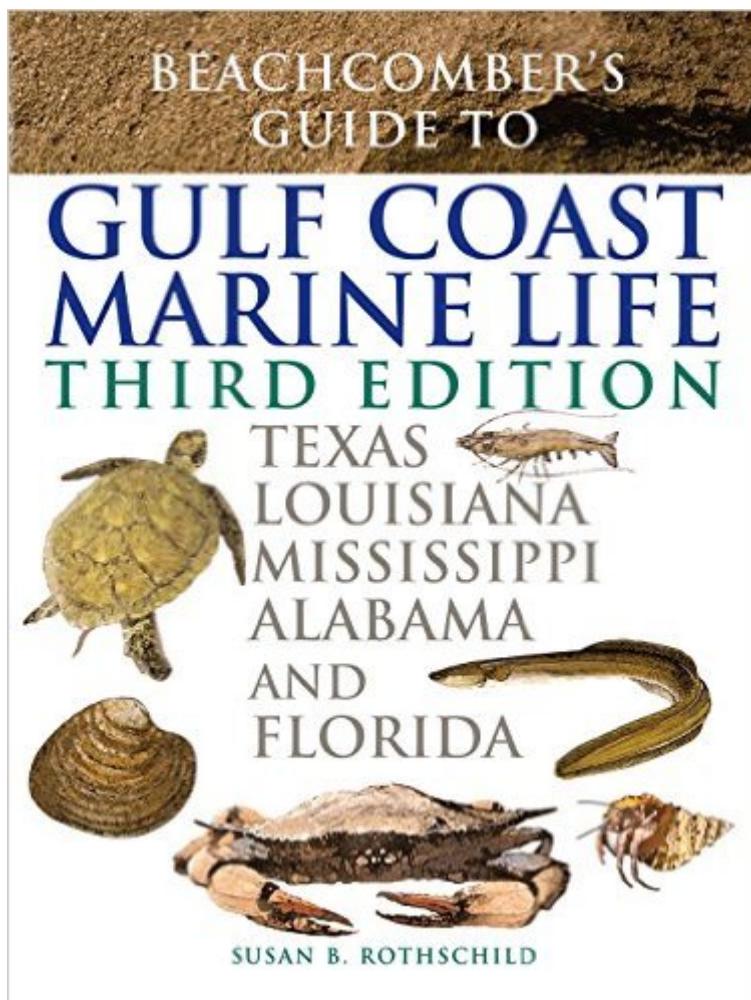


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Customer Reviews

This book is an example of bad packaging that's the publisher's fault, not the author's. The colorful cover and title "Beachcomber's Guide" make you think it's for kids and casual beach-goers. It isn't. I found it great for helping me identify the little bioluminescent comb-jellies off our dock, and if you've ever puzzled about why the eastern Gulf is like the Atlantic and the western Gulf is so different, this book explains it beautifully. It's nicely organized according to habitat, so you can concentrate on looking for the right things in the right place. If you spend a lot of time on the Gulf Coast and have a serious interest in knowing more about the non-fish fauna, get this! But don't buy it for a vacation stroll on the beach.

I was looking for a book for our kids and us to use to identify marine life we found and to learn a little

about it. This book reads more like a graduate school textbook. Also, a few color pictures would have been nice; this book has only ink drawings which are dull and not very helpful in distinguishing different creatures with subtle variations. There is nothing fun about this book. A friend who is a marine biologist looked at it and agreed with my assessment.

Unlike some reviews that state the book was too technical based on the cover pictures. This was actually the reason I hadn't looked at this book before, it is a great reference with in depth information.

I expected something my grandchildren would use, but the level is about college level.

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