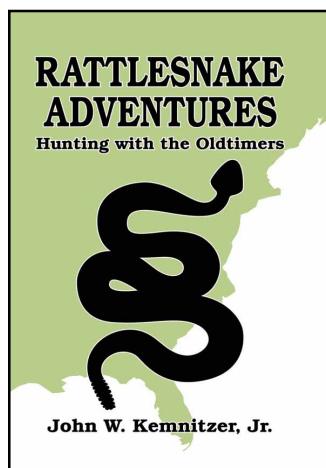


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Love them or hate them, rattlesnakes fascinate us. *Rattlesnake Adventures: Hunting with the Oldtimers* has compiled under a single cover many of the best stories of rattlesnake hunters in pursuit of Eastern diamondback, timber and massasauga rattlesnakes. Many of these stories are plucked from obscure books long out-of-print that are becoming scarce. Snake lovers and hunters crave the adventures of other herpers. Field guides are helpful but lack excitement. *Rattlesnake Adventures*, presents tales by Ditmars, Kauffeld, Scoville, Teale, and Rutledge and also includes stories from the “new” oldtimers, Richard Bartlett, Ted Levin, Frank Weed, Ed Brown, and the editor John Kemnitzer, Jr.

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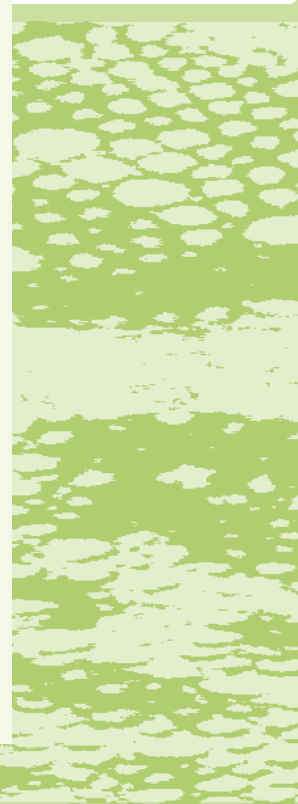
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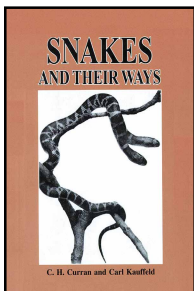
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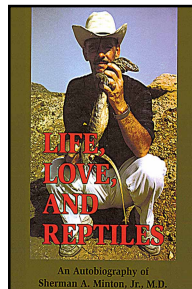


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