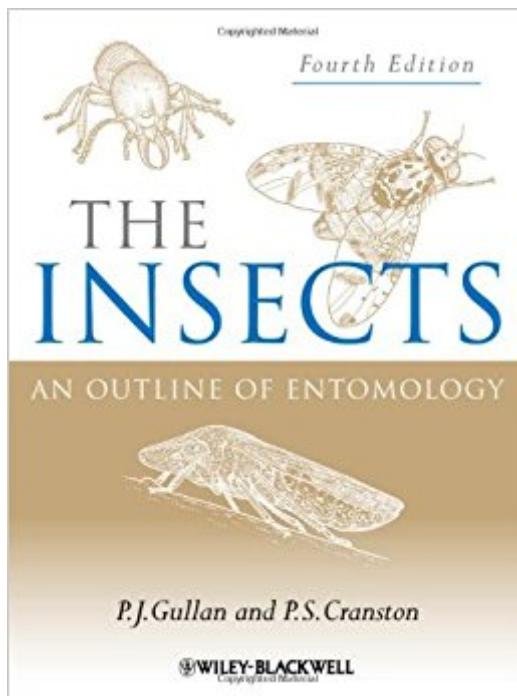


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This book gives a very good overview of entomology. It covers not only the orders of insects, but includes aspects of entomological interest such as insect physiology, ecology, evolution, and pest control. Readability is good. My estimate of the ideal target audience is undergraduate biology majors but could be used as a reference text for entomology graduate students. My gripes with the Kindle Edition of this book are as follows:(1) The "color" plates are in black and white.(2) The optical scan that was used to convert the written text to e-text left a frustratingly large number of words and numbers with incorrect spacing, giving me some difficulties at times with what it was the authors were saying.(3) It also left a great many hyphens in words that on my e-reader display did not need a hyphen in that place.

This textbook was recommended to me by a friend who said it was a great starting place into entomology. It has helped me understand important principles in a very clear and concise manner.

My interest in this subject is only recreational, but even still this book introduces the scientific terms in a manner that is entry level, and then progresses that knowledge as you proceed through into the more specific areas of knowledge. This book covers a wide variety of insects and breaks them down according to their lifestyles making it easy for someone like me to access the knowledge within it's covers. This book also discusses the many uses for entomology, beyond that of identification of insects. It shows you the applications of the knowledge you are gaining, and that is very important I think. This book and a field guide is all you need to really get a working understanding of entomology and its uses as a science. This book gives you the theory behind the insects and why they are the way they are and is an excellent purchase even for me, the hobbyist.

This book is great if you have just started learning about bugs. It provides very in depth descriptions on behavior, external anatomy, internal anatomy, and classification. However, I would not suggest this book to those who are looking for a book to learn about bugs as well as identify them. To those who are looking for such a book, I would recommend getting this, to learn the basics about bugs, but I suggest you buy the Audubon insect guide to insects and spiders. Most entomologists in my college use this book for the first two months, but for the rest of the year (when I teach identification) I use the Audubon.

This book combined with a class on different insects and arachnids made the learning experience real and I plan to keep the textbook from here on out as a reference to the information leaned in the class. The Insects is a great supplement to a class but even for independent study it is effective and informative.

Super cool book. I recently became interested in entomology and this has aided my addiction. I find myself reading it and flipping through its pages for enjoyment... sounds weird but it's true. I am now preparing to start my first semester as a graduate student in entomology with this book at my side.

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