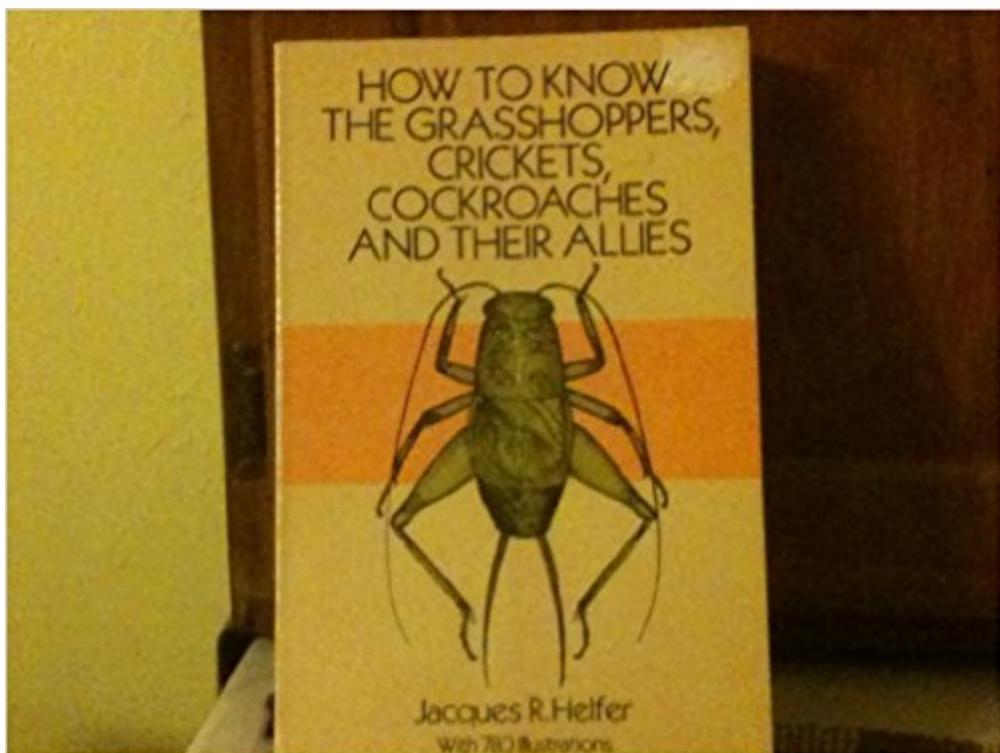


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Helfer's monumental guide to grasshoppers and their relatives was originally published by William C. Brown many years ago. Fortunately Dover reprinted this classic. While behind in taxonomy, this book is still very useful and by far the most complete guide available. I only wish they would revise it, but I doubt that it will happen any time soon. I used this guide extensively while I was co-authoring a manual of grasshoppers in New Mexico and found it then to be the best and most accurate publication (despite the dated taxonomy) for both amateur and professional orthopterist. Helfer's book is still the only source for a non-technical overview of camel crickets, mantids, walkingsticks, and some others for North America and holds its own against more up to date books on grasshoppers, katydids and crickets, despite the lack of color plates. If you are interested in the hopping, chirping and scuttling inhabitants of your part of the world, you can't go wrong in obtaining a copy of this marvelous book.

Daunting to a non-technical reader. Seems a bit dated in approach and lack of color photos. Clearly authoritative, just a tough to approach as a novice.

Although scientific names are a bit out of date, this book helps the serious student identify almost all of the roaches, mantids, walking sticks, earwigs, grasshoppers, and crickets in the U.S. I had a copy some time ago, lost it, and am glad to find another to replace it. The information in this book is at the level of a good field guide, but more complete than any could be. This is a great reference for the naturalist or field biologist involved with grasshoppers and their kin.

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