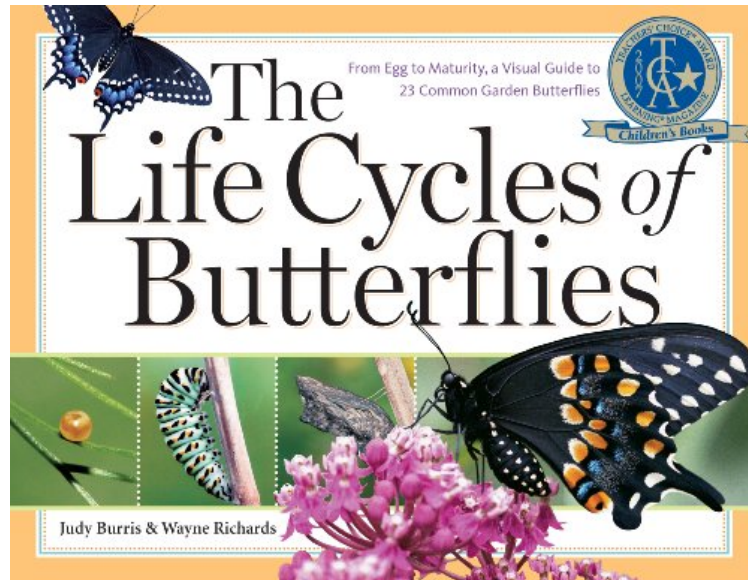


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and female butterfly apart. Also, it allows the reader to explore the subject of mimicry across species and learn how to tell the species apart. Just an all out, fantastic book! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book for beginners and advanced Lepidopterans
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Important host plant information included as well as great photos of all stages of metamorphosis for 23 of the most often encountered species.

For everyone who has ever marveled as a butterfly magically emerges from a chrysalis, this book is a treasure chest of amazing butterfly transformations. You are invited to experience the life cycles of common backyard butterflies in this unique collection of hundreds of stunning, full-color, up-close photos, all taken in a live garden setting. Each butterfly is shown from start to maturity, with sequential photographs of the egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and emerging butterfly. This richly visual guide to the life cycles of butterflies will appeal to wildlife enthusiasts, gardeners, teachers, and families alike. This book has earned two national awards from Learning Magazine -- (1) Teacher's Choice Award for "Children's Books" (2) Teacher's Choice Award for "Product of Excellence for the Family."

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Accomplishing exactly what its title promises, this book describes in text and photos the butterflies that commonly visit gardens in the eastern states. The authors, a sibling team of butterfly and gardening enthusiasts, detail every phase of each species. Beginning with a chapter that looks at the basics of butterfly egg laying, the growth of caterpillars, metamorphosis, and butterfly behavior, the authors move to the heart of the book. With exquisite close-up photography, the eggs, caterpillars, chrysalids, and adults of 23 well-known butterflies are revealed. The reader is treated to the almost architectural forms of eggs; caterpillars that can be striped, spotted, spiny, or smooth; and chrysalids that may be ornamented with flecks of gold or camouflaged to resemble a dead leaf. Adult butterflies are depicted both with wings open and folded. A field notes section for each species supplies photos of host plants and nectar plants, a map of the breeding range, and a life-size silhouette. This tidy book offers the single best resource for photos of the complete life cycle of butterflies. Nancy Bent
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There are so many wonderful aspects of this book. First; then; photography will blow you away. These pictures were taken in Judy and her brother's garden as they were documenting these beautiful creatures....If you love butterflies, then I recommend you add this book to your library. I think it makes a great gift for children, teachers, wildlife enthusiasts and gardeners. -- Donna Donabella
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