



Salamanders in Your Pocket: A Guide to Caudates of the Upper Midwest

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University of Iowa Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Salamanders in Your Pocket: A Guide to Caudates of the Upper Midwest, Terry VanDeWalle, Suzanne L. Collins, Finding a salamander in the woodlands rates as one of the most enjoyable surprises of an early morning hike. Active mainly at night, these secretive, shiny, lizardlike amphibians often glow like jewels when found under the logs or rocks that many prefer. This colourful addition to Iowa's popular series of laminated guides--the twenty-fifth in the series--will inform both amateur and professional naturalists about twenty-five species of salamanders found in the Upper Midwest states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, South Dakota, North Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri. Common mudpuppies and lesser sirens spend their entire lives in water, never losing the gills that they developed as larvae, the lungless four-toed salamander distracts predators by detaching its tail, the eastern newt discourages predators by secreting poisonous chemicals from its skin, the flat-bodied hellbender, which can reach twenty-nine inches in length, breathes by absorbing oxygen through the folds of its skin. These, plus the well-named slimy, zigzag, tiger, and other salamanders in this guide, are now threatened by loss of habitat, pollution, and a deadly fungus....



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