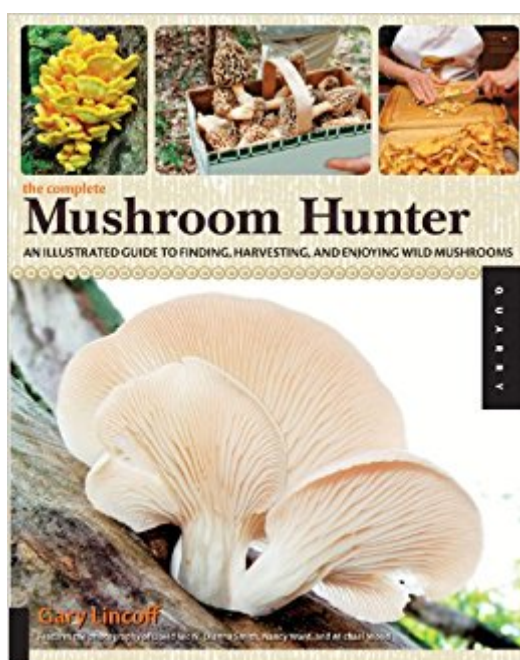


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# The Complete Mushroom Hunter: An Illustrated Guide To Finding, Harvesting, And Enjoying Wild Mushrooms



## Synopsis

Do you know your mushrooms? This is the only mushrooming book that will introduce you safely and with confidence to the not-so “underground” hobby of mushroom hunting and gathering. Gathering edible wild food is a wonderful way to forge a connection to the earth. Mushrooms are the ultimate local food source; they grow literally everywhere, from mountains and woodlands to urban and suburban parks to your own backyard. The Complete Mushroom Hunter will enrich your understanding of the natural world and build an appreciation for an ancient, critically relevant, and useful body of knowledge. Amateur mycologists and mushroom enthusiasts will find this is a guidebook for their passion. Mushroom guru Gary Lincoff escorts you from the mushroom’s earliest culinary awakening, through getting equipped for mushroom forays, to preparing and serving the fruits of the foray, wherever you live. Inside you’ll find: -A brief, but colorful history of mushroom hunting worldwide -How to get equipped for a mushroom foray -A completely illustrated guide to the common wild edible mushrooms and their poisonous look-alikes: where to find them, how to identify them, and more -How to prepare and serve the fruits of your foray, plus more than 30 delicious recipes -Plus, dozens of colorful, priceless anecdotes from living the mushroom lifestyle

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Gary Lincoff is the author, co-author, or editor of several books and articles on mushrooms. He teaches courses on mushroom and plant identification and use at the New York Botanical Garden

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OK, but I also have Audubon version of mushrooms, which has better pictures and more detail. Good for beginners, but not complete.

Bought it as a gift for friends new to wild mushroom picking. A great introduction to US edible fungus with excellent photography. Lincoff is a marvelous writer, extremely knowledgeable and really delightful in person. Makes a great coffee table book. Of course nobody should eat anything they gather without a really experienced person checking out their fungus. This book does point out a few of the safest edibles that are pretty no doubters. Beware the Blewits however--the only weakness of the book is the failure to warn about lookalike purple *Cortinarius* species that grow in similar locations at the same time of year and can only be positively identified as different by looking at the spores. The Corts include some species with slow poisons that can take weeks to take effect and can cause serious kidney damage so great caution is required before eating the otherwise choice edible Blewits.

CONS: \*This book could take twice less space that it does, without losing its content. \*The statement: "the only mushroom book you will ever need" is far away from the truth. \*needs complimentary Field Guide\*identification key- I would like to see more information/details I took this book for mushroom hunting, and was disappointed, on how uncomfortable it was to carry. PROS: \*good average information on mushrooms \*great pictures \*excellent quality of the book \*will be good start (introduction) for beginners and new to mushroom hunting. I would like to see Second Edition of this book with more identification key, and please, make it more portable! It can be easily done by decreasing size of the book, and increasing number of the same (info) pages by publisher.

This book should not be used as a guide. Very few species are included and identification descriptions are dangerously inadequate. More like a brochure, not really a book.

My husband and I took this book with us along our RV adventures through the Pacific Northwest. It has been invaluable and extremely informative! We picked shaggy manes in Northern California, and wild oyster mushrooms in Columbia River Gorge and Olympic Peninsula. The pictures are so helpful, and the descriptions are well written. We were able to identify most mushrooms, which was surprising because I didn't think the book would be so comprehensive. Highly recommended as a unique gift or coffee table book, or for the new fungi hobbyist!

Great help for going to the woods looking for mushrooms

Great product and service love it

Great, thanks

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