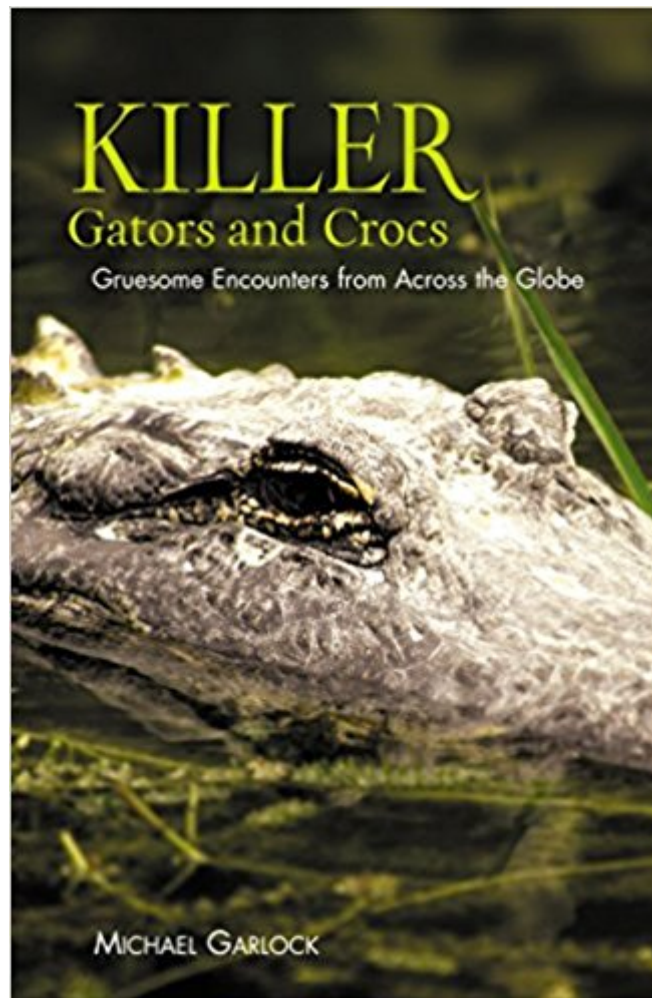




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Killer Gators And Crocs: Gruesome Encounters From Across The Globe



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

As some of the oldest species on the planet, alligators and crocodiles have no natural enemies. Except for humans, that is. But in the event of a confrontation between man and beast, it's common for the crocodilian to be the victor. Killer Gators and Crocs describes alligator and crocodile attacks from around the world, including deadly encounters and miraculous escapes. Some were unavoidable tragedies, but many were the gruesome result of foolish mistakes. This book explains what compels these reptiles to attack humans and what can be done to prevent an attack. Garlock writes in detail about attacks from Egypt, China, Africa, South America, and the United States, including details of Florida's three most recent confrontations. The resulting stories dramatically recreate these attacks and then examine their causes. Meticulously researched and chock-full of expert knowledge, Killer Gators and Crocs stands as a vital and important part of our literature on nature and survival.

Michael Garlock has written extensively about reptiles for many national publications, including Reptile magazine, Florida Naturalist, Reptile & Amphibian Hobbyist, and Wildland Firefighter magazine. He lives in Naples, Florida.

An intriguing, often gruesome, read. Once you get through the first two chapters, outlining conservation measures and environmental practices regarding the preservation of crocodilian species around the world, the recounting of various attacks from different species begin. Some of these stories will leave you wondering what in the hell some of the people were thinking, while others give you a sense of just how cunning, ruthless, and even calculating these animals can be. Being a native Floridian, I grew up around alligators, always aware that any body of fresh water could contain one, no matter where you are in the state. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone looking for a some good survival stories, "monster" tales, or with a passing interest in these amazing reptiles.

I gave this four stars because I liked the information in this book, but it's definitely misleading. It does have crocodile attacks, but this book has a lot more than just that, so I was a little let down when I first opened it. It also focuses mainly on the American Alligator before it starts covering specific geographic areas and species, so that was also a little annoying. As for the structure of the book, he kinda jumps back and forth between things seemingly at random at times. That being said, if you want to learn and you like crocodilians, it does have a LOT of information, especially on various species, so happy reading!

If you like gore and stories of true animal attacks, this book is definitely for you! The author compiles tale after tale of horrific attacks by alligators and crocodiles all over the world. I couldn't put this book down -- it was fascinating and compelling to read. I was sorry when I finished it as I could have kept reading these vivid accounts of real-life intense encounters with these fascinating reptiles. Remind me to stay out of Florida, Mississippi and the rest of the swampy areas of the southern USA (and Asia and Africa while I'm at it) as coming face to face with one of these predators would be the ultimate nightmare (kind of like my staying out of anything but a pool to avoid meeting a shark upclose and personal).

Ok book discusses history of these amazing reptiles and many real life encounters with humans. These creatures have been around forever and have adapted into almost perfect killing/ ambush

animals. The crocodile chapters are the best.

I have always been interested in alligators and crocodiles and this book did not let me down. It was very interesting.

If human death is not your cup of tea, forget "Killer Gators and Crocs". The carnage here is resplendant. As many as five or six people die per page. After a couple chapters of redeeming scientific value (boring) the killing begins with "Chapter Three - Contact with People, Not a Good Idea". This book may actually save some lives. While reading, I often said "Note to self: Don't do this!" Yes, around the world these merciless killers feast on our species' dumber individuals. Darwin lives. Lots of good advice here - e.g., if you are in the tropics, don't dangle a foot over a swamp.

This book is essentially a collection of attack type horror stories intermixed with some species specific information. Some of the information on the animals themselves is good, some of the biology information is not. The author seems uncertain as to the direction of the book as a whole and in spots it comes off looking and reading hodgepodge. As a whole the book is an interesting read if you like tabloid type attack stories but I wouldn't recommend it for anything else.

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