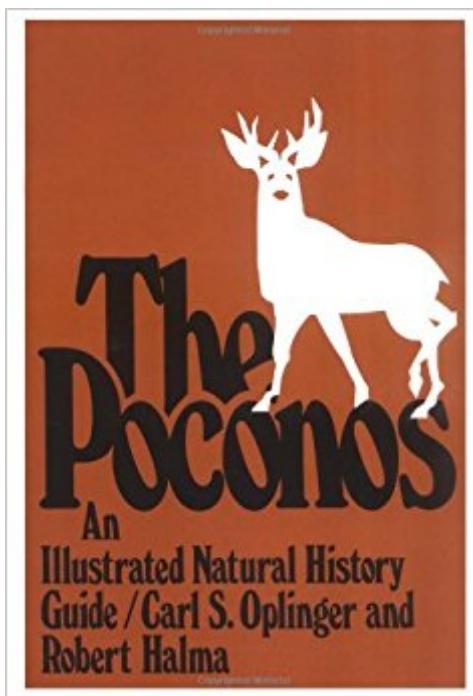


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Great book.

THIS BOOK IS TERRIFIC. The book is perfect for Pocono residents -A MUST HAVE- for anyone who is interested in the area.from the original formation and geology to the flora and fauna of the present.

My first impulse upon receiving the book was to return it because I thought it would be illustrated in color of the flora and fauna in the Poconos. But I gave it a second look and discovered that it was quite thorough in its information. For instance, it gives you 'places to see' geological features of the mountains, where eagles winter, where to find Pocono bogs and wetlands, and places of natural history. The authors detail what animals, plants and amphibians can be found in the area. Overall the book is quite comprehensive on wildlife. With an Audobon guide for identifying plants in color, this is a very good book for taking along on hikes or camping or for just wanting to know 'what's around.'

The perfect Poconos guide with lovely illustrations. A great gift for outdoorsy folks!

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