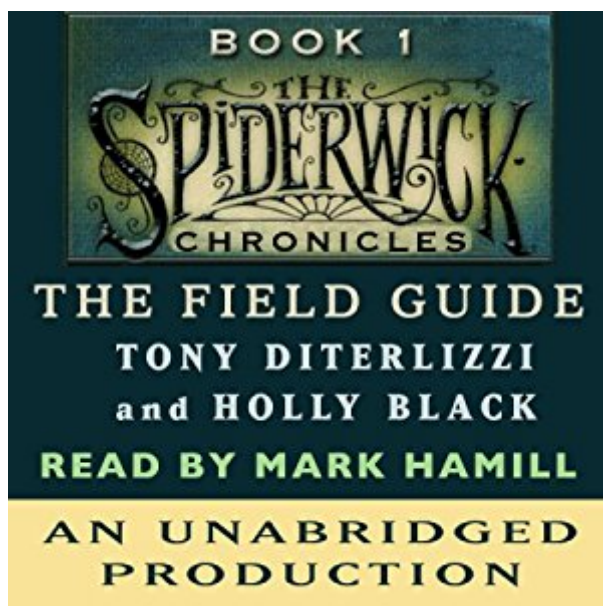




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The Field Guide: The Spiderwick Chronicles, Book 1



Synopsis

After their parents' divorce, the Grace kids - twins Jared and Simon and their older sister Mallory - move with their mom to the decaying old mansion belonging to their ancient great-aunt Lucinda, who has been sent off to an asylum. But before they can even unpack, Jared begins to notice that they're not alone in the house. There's something living there with them. His investigations eventually lead to an old book filled with pictures of fantastic creatures - Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You - and an even bigger mystery - the disappearance of his great-great-uncle and Lucinda's father, Arthur Spiderwick. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

Impressive book that is great to have handy while reading the series to your kids! This book is SUPERSIZED compared to the tiny hardbacks of the series. This is an oversized textbook and the series is small notebook sized for a purse. I was shocked when it came so large with beautiful illustrations :) great buy!

My 5th grade son came home from school and insisted we buy this book. The reading teacher at his school had brought the book in to his classroom and they all went wild for it. It is very imaginative with wonderful illustrations of mythical creatures and is categorized in six different areas of fantastical creatures ("Around the house and yard" i.e. brownies, boggarts, changelings, pixies, etc. "In Fields and Forests" - cockatrices, elves leprechauns, manticores, sprites, treefolk, etc. "In Lakes

and Streams" - kelpies, merfolk, nixies, sea serpents, trolls etc. "In The Hills and Mountains" - dwarves, giants, goblins, knockers, ogres, etc. "In The Sky" - dragons, griffins and phoenixes and "Outside At Night" - banshees, gargoyles, phookas, and will-o-the wisps among many many others. It is beautifully illustrated and has lots of information on the fictional (or is he?) Arthur Spiderwick's adventurous travels. My 2nd grade daughter really enjoys looking at the pictures although the text is too hard for her. This is a great book for older children, especially children like my son that are reluctant readers. Its the kind of book they pick up over and over. Because my children enjoyed this so much, we recently bought Spiderwick's The Care and Feeding of Sprites which is great but doesn't compare with the Fantastical World Around You (which covers many different species of mythical creatures with detailed descriptions and information on each). Happy reading and imagining!

This is "the source" for kids who enjoy fantasy adventure with fairies and other wee creatures. It's an extravagantly rich and beautiful book with fabulous illustrations. My grandchildren enjoy it as sort of a "reference," as well as a stand alone read, and they open it again and again. In addition to appealing to older children who like to read fantasy adventure on their own, the short articles (with pictures and "handwritten" margin notes), make for fine single-sitting reading for children not up to the reading level of the book.

This book is so wonderfully put together from the illustrations to the lore of the land and this world. Not only can children enjoy it, but adults as well, especially fellow artists! I love Tony DiTerlizzi's work; he is a great inspiration to me as an inspiring illustrator myself, and this book is a must have for the collection (as well as the rest of the Spiderwick series!).

My eight-year-old recently watched "The Spiderwick Chronicles" and enjoyed it so much that I decided to get this field guide which contains descriptions of the various inhabitants of the Invisible World. The book itself is a large hardcover which has the appearance of a beautiful antique journal. Within the book, the creatures are categorized under: Around the House and Yard Brownies Boggarts Changelings Pixies Salamanders Stray Sod In Fields and Forests Cockatrices Elves Leprechauns Manticores Sprites Treefolk Unicorns In Lakes, Streams, and the Sea Kelpies Merfolk Nixies Seas Serpents Trolls In the Hills and Mountains Dwarves Giants Goblins Hobgoblins Knockers Ogres In the Sky Dragons Griffins Phoenixes Outside at Night Banshees Gargoyles Phookas Will-o'-the-Wisps The

highlight of this book is the beautiful watercolor illustrations of the magical creatures found throughout the book. These illustrations are detailed and large, with many filling up the pages, and there are also many sketches scattered throughout. In addition, all the pages have the antique sepia look which lends it an air of credibility as a genuine tome on magical creatures. My daughter and I both love this book and we have spent many happy evenings reading and discussing the creatures described in this book. There is a list of recommended titles at the back of the book for those who wish to read more on the subject. All in all, I would highly recommend this for fans of the story as well as those who enjoy reading about mythical creatures.

While searching for children's picture books I came across this Spiderwick Field Guide. I thought my grandchildren would enjoy it. It went over greater than I expected. It presents all kinds of fantastic creatures in wonderfully detailed drawings with the most clever descriptions of their behaviors and haunts. Has some great foldouts. Children want to review their old Spiderwick films and Spiderwick Chronicle books. They even asked me to plan time in the future to buy all of the books and read them together. The book was so cleverly done that I had to keep reminding the kids that the subject matter was "make believe" and not real. I really liked going through it with them and got lots of chuckles from the author's cleverness. And I'm beginning to think ahead for Halloween costumes inspiration. I've been buying children's picture books on various subjects from the used books offering on I've been able to purchase some really fantastic books for next to nothing. Usually the shipping is the greater part of the expense. Books have always been in very good to excellent condition.

I purchased this book to accompany the Spiderwick DVD I got for my granddaughter. I had not seen a copy before I chose it but I was familiar with the type of book it was and thought she might enjoy having both. Oh my, was she! When she realized it was a copy of Arthur Spiderwick's 'real' field guide her eyes got big and she spent a few hours reading it and looking at all the little bits that are included inside. Very detailed, wonderful illustrations. I strongly recommend buying both, it was a winning combination.

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