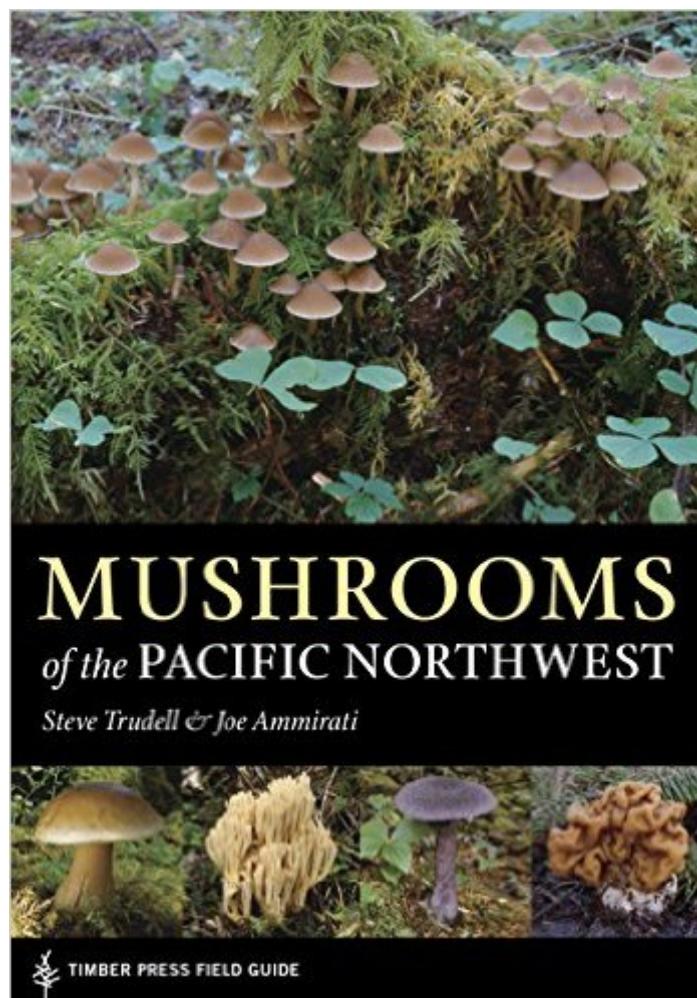


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Some reviewers have taken our book to task for lack of edibility information and use of Latin names for the mushrooms. Some clarification is in order. Previous reviewer’s comment: "Excellent book for identification but it doesn’t tell you if the mushrooms are edible or not." There are 466 species illustrated and described. Edibility is explicitly discussed in 139 of the descriptions. Edibility comments in the genus descriptions cover 286 species and in genera like *Cortinarius*, *Russula*, and *Clitocybe*, where very few of the species are known to be edible, this saves repeating the same phrase in every species description. Accounting for overlap in these two lists, there is specific edibility information for 344 species. Another 62 species are things that are tiny and fleshless, or tough and woody or leathery, so obviously would not be eaten. Thus, the edibility is given or is obvious for 406 species, or almost 90% of those in the book. This includes virtually all of the species

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