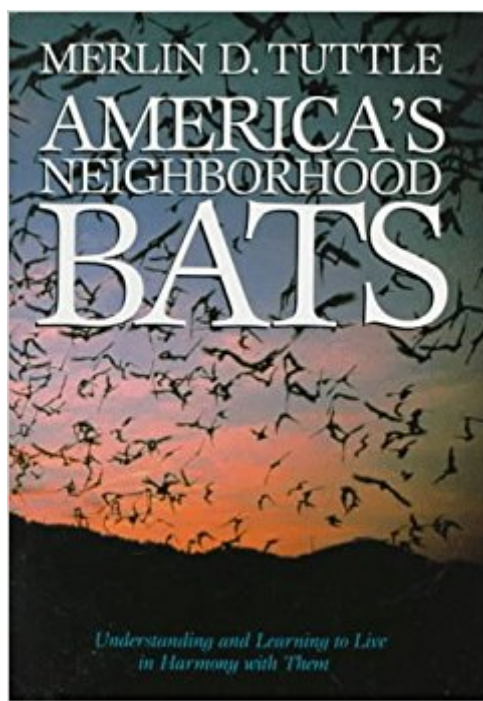


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"These breathtaking photographs depict bats as startling beautiful creatures . . . and the enlightening text is sure to stimulate an appreciation of the winged animal in most--if not all--readers".--Wildlife Review. Watch for it this fall on CBS-TV. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Bats have had a big public relations facelift over the past 30 years. Dr. Merlin Tuttle founded Bat Conservation International and enlisted the help of bat enthusiasts all over the world to transform our view of one of the most maligned mammals into recognizing them as the complex, interesting, and ultimately harmless keystone species that they are. I just heard Dr. Tuttle talk (again) at the Field Museum, and I felt I should revisit this book in the hopes of encouraging even more people to jump on the "batwagon."This is a great primer on what bats are, how they help us, and how we can help them. I'm sorry to say that BCI no longer offers this in their online catalogue, but you can still order it from . The photographs (Tuttle uses falconry techniques to capture what have become very familiar pictures of bats in flight)are captivating. Because this is a short and basic book, anyone interested in bats will find it necessary to do a little more in-depth research. As a layperson who would still like more detail, the text is a little too brief.One problem with the physical book itself is that the binding is not that great, and several of my pages have come unglued.There is no way to overstate bats' importance to the planet. They save countries--including the US--billions of dollars a year in pest control. They pollenate plants that sustain us, and they are barometers of the Earth's

health. Unfortunately, North American bats are now facing a new and devastating challenge in White Nose Syndrome, a fungal disease that interrupts hibernation. When they wake up, they exit caves to find food (not available in the winter) and they freeze or starve to death.

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