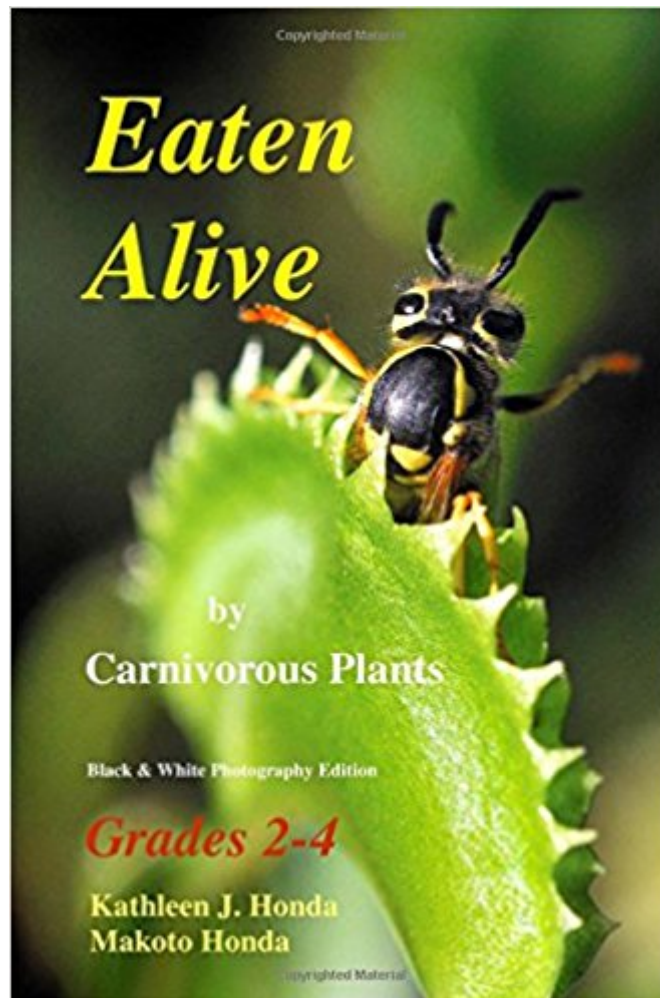




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Eaten Alive By Carnivorous Plants: Black & White Photography Edition



Synopsis

This book is available in: COLOR edition, B&W edition and KINDLE edition.

www.honda-e.com/ea.htm This is an introductory book on carnivorous plants for a young audience. Ages 7-9. Grades 2-4. These are unique plants found in bogs and swamps. The soils where they grow are very poor in nutrition. In order to survive in these hostile environments, some plants have acquired an ability to catch and digest insects and other bugs. There are over 700 kinds of flowering plants that possess this meat-eating habit. These plants are collectively known as carnivorous plants because of their unique lifestyle. Carnivorous plants are found worldwide. Some grow widely while some are restricted to a small area. For instance, Venus flytraps grow wild only in coastal North & South Carolina in the United States. There are four major types of traps used by carnivorous plants: Snap trap (Venus flytrap), pitfalls (pitcher plants), flypaper traps (sundews & butterworts), and suction traps (bladderworts). You will learn each of these trapping mechanisms as you read along. Just as plants need to attract pollinators to their flowers, carnivorous plants need to attract prey to their deadly traps. In order to achieve this, many carnivorous plants disguise their traps with brilliant colors and sweet nectar, just like real flowers. Often, this trick is so effective that insects visit the trap in the same manner they do flowers, and are captured and eaten! Did you know that you have to touch Venus flytrap's trigger hair, not once, but twice to close the trap? Venus flytraps catch and eat only large, worthy bugs, and tiny bugs are let go. How many times do you think you can trick a Venus flytrap's trap with your finger before it stops responding? All these and more are described in detail in the book. This is an informative natural science book filled with many vivid images accompanying the text. This book takes you to the natural habitats of North America where many carnivorous plants grow wild. This is a good reference book for a school science project. Enjoy!

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Customer Reviews

An educational book for kids grades 2-4 that tells them in detail about carnivorous plants. The book takes you to North America where many of them grow wild. The text is supported by beautiful color pictures. It is an excellent book that is packed with information and can be kept in libraries for reference/science projects. It is interesting not only for kids, but also for adults. The pictures complement the book, making it appealing to kids. The descriptions are detailed, the pictures indicative of how an insect views the plant. Reviewed By Mamta Madhavan for Readers' Favorite

We wrote this book to introduce a young audience to the wonder of the natural world. Everybody assumes that plants are to be eaten by animals. We only think of man-eating trees in the movies and cartoons. But there are, indeed, plants in this world that catch and eat small animals for nourishment. These meat-hungry plants are called "carnivorous plants." One of the greatest naturalists of our times, Charles Darwin, published a book "Insectivorous Plants" in 1875. The title means "insect-eating." In the history of botany, Darwin was one of the first to demonstrate --- with convincing evidence --- that some plants had been adapted to the carnivorous habit. Since the diet of these plants are not restricted to "insects", but also includes spiders and other small creatures, the term "carnivorous plants" is more general and appropriate.-----Eaten Alive by Carnivorous Plants by Kathleen J. Honda and Makoto Honda is an educational book for kids from grades 2-4 that tells them in detail about the existence of carnivorous plants. These plants are found worldwide and they lead a unique lifestyle. The different ways of trapping insects are explained in the book which also elaborates on the trapping mechanism. The book takes you to North America where many of these carnivorous plants grow wild. The written matter is supported by beautiful color pictures that make it more interesting to young readers. There are around 600 flowering plants that have meat eating habits. It is an excellent book that is packed with information and can be kept in libraries for reference and science projects. It is interesting not only for kids, but also for adults. The pictures complement the book, making it colorful and appealing to kids. I enjoyed reading about the four different types of carnivorous plants. The descriptions are detailed and the pictures are indicative of how an insect views the plant. The writing style is easy for kids to understand. The book told me a lot about carnivorous plants. It is quite interesting to learn that these plants can be grown at home. And it is also amazing to learn how these plants with beautiful and delicate flowers

actually trap creatures and eat them. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this. Very useful and informative. Reviewed By Mamta Madhavan for Readers' Favorite

The pictures in this book are simply stunning (make sure to order the color version). The readability is approximately a 3rd grade level but kids (and adults) of all ages will find this book fascinating. This would be a wonderful addition to any grade-school's library and non-fiction collection. Perfect for science fairs and book-reports that will encourage a child to learn about the interesting world around them.

Very pleased!

Really not clear that the photos are black and white inside the book. Yes I know it says it, but it isn't super obvious. What a huge disappointment to see the black and white photos when the cover is so beautiful. I wound up ordering the kindle version after receiving this book because I wanted my daughter to appreciate the color photos.

My son loved the pictures as well as liked the discussion about plants. Pictures are stunning and are great vehicle to introduce the young reader to carnivorous plants. In a age of electronic media as well as video games, this book cannot help but cause the young reader as well as older readers to pick it up and thumb through it. This book is also great for a coffee stand or living room table. I have watched more then once, a guest who was visiting, pick up the book and talk as they went through pictures.

This book has beautiful pictures that are very detailed. The descriptions give the reader easy to understand explanations and covers 4 different carnivorous plants thoroughly. A great addition for a plant unit in science!

Striking photos, great explanations. My great-grandson will love this fascinating book.

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