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Reptiles by Frans Vermeulen Reviewed by Vatsala Sperling

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Reptiles by Frans Vermeulen is reviewed by Vatsala Sperling. The book is very comprehensive and includes crocodilians, dinosaurs, lizards, snakes, turtles, tortoises and worm lizards.

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For the generations of homeopaths raised since 2004 on the staple, “The New Synoptic One” (lovingly known as the Silver Book), Frans Vermeulen is a go-to author when they need to have a direct presentation of facts regarding homeopathic remedies.

One after the other, Vermeulen’s books have continued to inform, enlighten and enthrall the readers and along the way, they have demystified the remedies. Read a description of a remedy by one of the greatest masters, Kent, and then read the same remedy by Vermeulen, and you will understand the difference.

While Kent gave us the remedy picture in poetic prose, Vermeulen has given us the modern, bullet-point version of the remedies in highly simplified language. We can grasp the bullet points on the run, refer to the remedies quickly and retain what we read without getting lost in the long sentences used by homeopaths of the earlier centuries.

I am happy to bring you the news that Vermeulen has continued with his masterful style in his new and latest book, simply titled, "Reptiles". A shimmering, green-eyed steel gray snake and a green iguana are staring out of the hard cover to make a point that the book is about reptiles.

The rest of the black and white book is a serious reference book that will soon be landing on every homeopaths book shelf, in every real and virtual Homeopathy library and in every corner of the world where Homeopathy is taught, studied and practiced.

You can well imagine I am quite thrilled to be reviewing this book for you. As you get your copy and dive into the book (the sooner, the better) you will find Class Reptilia divided into Crocodilians, Dinosaurs, Lizards, Snakes, Turtles and Tortoises and ending with Worm Lizards. The bulk of the book, from page 165 till 616, is devoted to 111 species of snakes in all. This is undoubtedly the most exhaustive compilation of every information on snakes that is in any way relevant to homeopathic students and practitioners.

For every species of reptile, Vermeulen has given systematics, biological profile, behavior and temperament, materia medica and clinical manifestation. In all, 26 cases are sprinkled throughout the book. These cases are highly edited so that the reasons for choosing a particular remedy are very apparent and obvious.

Reptiles by Frans Vermeulen is a very well-researched, comprehensive, no-frills and no-nonsense sort of a book filled with information on every aspect of the reptiles, gleaned from every available source.

I can only imagine the years of focused hard work that the author has lovingly devoted to writing such a book. As a reference book that presents all the reptile-related information in one place, it is a must-have for every practitioner and student of Homeopathy.

Frans Vermeulen, thank you very much for writing this book! Now that I have it, I don't know how I could have lived without it for so long. May you write similar books on every class of animals.

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