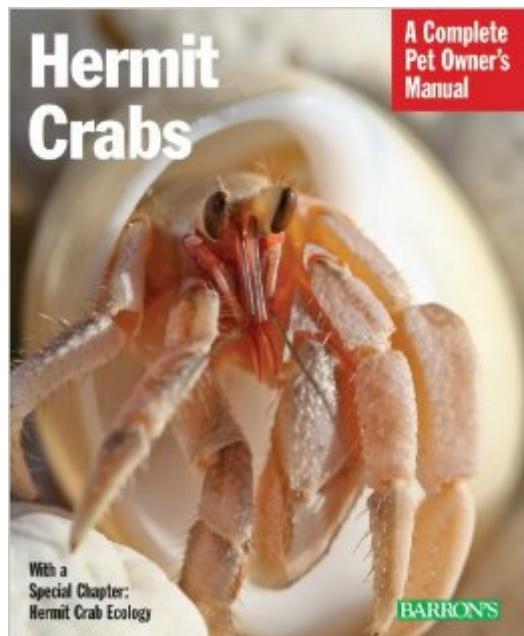


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# Hermit Crabs (Barron's Complete Pet Owner's Manuals (Paperback))



## **Synopsis**

Hermit crabs are easy to care for and make interesting pets. Here is information on popular species and advice on keeping them in an optimal environment. All titles in Barron's profusely-illustrated Complete Pet Owner's Manuals introduce inexperienced and prospective pet owners to the pleasures and duties of pet care. They also make ideal guides for older children having their first experiences as animal caretakers. Attractively illustrated and filled with helpful information, Barron's Complete Pet Owner's Manuals advise on purchasing, housing, feeding, health care--and where applicable, grooming and training pets. Each book is individually written by an expert--a trainer, breeder, veterinarian, or other animal specialist. These manuals cover every popular dog and cat breed, as well as bird varieties, hamsters and other small caged animals, fish varieties for aquarium hobbyists, terrarium pets, and even exotics, such as reptiles, amphibians, and scorpions. All books have 70 or more color photos, and most also have instructive line illustrations.

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## **Customer Reviews**

When my son wanted hermit crabs I knew we needed a guide to teach us the care they need. This book was a good choice. It's written simply enough for my eight year old son to read on his own and the pictures keep it interesting.

We purchased 2 hermit crabs on vacation. Honestly I had no idea of their true habitat needs. Once I learned this I immediately began a quest to find out how best to care for our new pets. I had high hopes for this book based on the reviews. While waiting for it to arrive I began reading articles

online by hermit crab associations and new/current studies. When I received the book yesterday I was SO disappointed. The information is greatly outdated and seems to align with the commercialization of the hermit crab industry. It states aquarium gravel is an appropriate substrate, which is very wrong. Gravel holds no moisture and can damage the crabs during their molting process. It also condones the use of painted shells which is widely known to be toxic to the crabs. It did contain wonderful photos, however, not one photo had any text attached to it- so I didn't know what I was supposed to be viewing or noticing in the photo. It talked about the 2 main types of hermit crabs sold: purple pinchers and Ecuadorean, but did not decipher the two in a photo for me to view the difference. The book did give a thorough description of the scientific topics of where a hermit crab comes from and species, genus etc. But really lacked in the area properly caring for your crabs. I found better and more current care information online.

I bought this book for my grandson. He has two hermit crabs. It is a very informative book on a level that anyone can read. Very interesting and helped us care for his hermit crabs. Not too lengthy... just enough info to assist one in caring for hermit crabs. I highly recommend.

This has been a great book for us. All of the hermit crabs are thriving now and they are so fun to watch.

Very informative, and good illustrations. I'd like to see this carried in all pet stores. Anyone considering keeping hermit crabs as pets really should read this book!

The information in this book is out of date or just plain wrong. Some of it is accurate but this is not a reliable source for caring for your pet hermit crabs. Do your research online with a reputable website instead. Crabstreet Journal is a good place to start.

This book was very educational and helpful for me and my daughters. We learned a lot and learned hermit crabs as pets weren't for us. I think they would be happier in a salt water aquarium than a terrarium. We had extreme difficulty keeping ours alive even by doing everything by the book. The book is well written, easy to read and easy for my 10 year old to follow.

The book is smallish, and has around 60 content pages. I read it easily in two days, and loved the whole thing! The author uses facts and interesting, true tales together to make it an interesting read.

Furthermore, the pictures are amazing! I will definitely be keeping and recommending this book.

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