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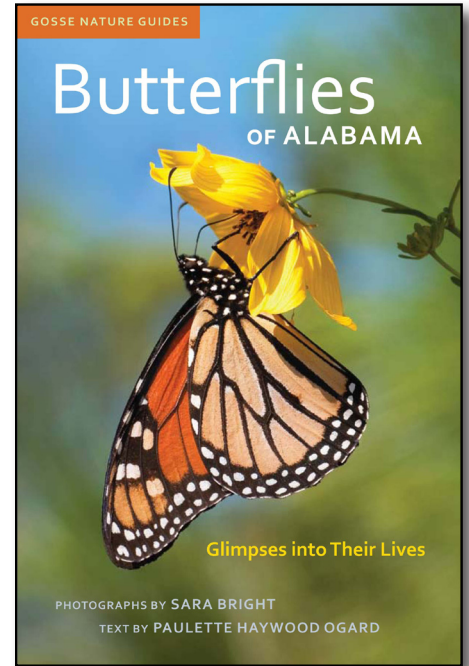
*Butterflies of Alabama* is a full-color, richly illustrated guide to the 84 known species of "true" butterflies (*Papilionoidea*) found within the state's borders. For more than 14 years, the authors have made a close study of these showy, winged stars of the insect world, pursuing them in a great variety of habitats, rearing them, and photographing their remarkable life cycle stages—egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalid or "cocoon"), and adult.

Each species account is accompanied by color photographs of live subjects in their natural habitats. Close-ups reveal fascinating details of camouflage, mimicry, coloration, and warning devices. The engaging text explains the highly evolved relationships between butterflies and the plants upon which they depend as well as the specialized adaptations that enable their survival within specific environmental niches. Included are range maps, flight times, caterpillar host plants, adult nectar sources, and identification tips—abundant information to tantalize budding as well as experienced butterfly watchers. Pertinent conservation issues are also addressed and appendices provide an annotated checklist of the state's butterflies, a list of accidentals and strays, information on butterfly organizations, and recommended reading.

With its non-technical language, simple format, and beautiful images, *Butterflies of Alabama* is accessible and appealing to anyone who appreciates Alabama's amazing natural wealth.

"I can picture this book propelling children and adults outdoors to treasure hunt and to observe natural drama in progress. It will be a much-used tool for scout troops, hikers, campers, canoe clubs, wildflower groups, and other outdoor organizations. Park rangers and interpreters will stock it in park gift shops and reference libraries."  
—Carol Lovell-Saas, Director, Biophilia Nature Center, Elberta, Alabama

"The imagery of the butterflies in this book is beyond breathtaking, and anyone can easily identify the species from the photography. Plus, the text provides informational and enjoyable reading. It is a must-have book for wildlife enthusiasts and anyone who simply appreciates the natural beauty of Alabama. Paulette and Sara have created a true Alabama jewel."  
—John Alex Floyd Jr., retired editor-in-chief, *Southern Living* magazine



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