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This is a book about
reptiles and amphibians.
Some are slithery.
And some are slimy.



Tree frog

Python



By the end of this book,
you will know the difference
between reptiles and amphibians.
You will also learn fun facts
about these amazing animals.

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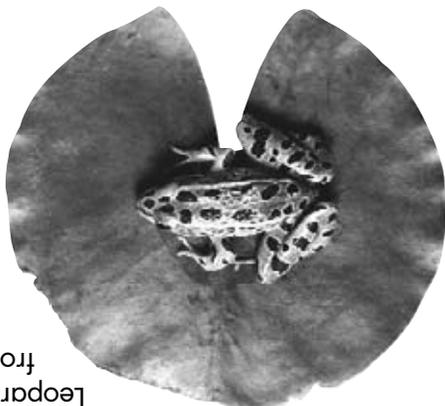
- Their body temperature changes. It changes with the temperature of the air and water around them. They get warmth from the heat of the sun.



Box turtle

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- Reptiles and amphibians have backbones.
 - They breathe air.
- ## How They Are the Same



Leopard frog

How They Are Different

- Reptiles have dry, scaly skin.
- Most reptiles hatch from eggs with leathery shells that are laid on land.
- At birth, most reptiles look like their parents.



Water dragon



Eastern newt

- Amphibians have moist skin with no scales.
- Amphibians come from eggs that have no shells. The eggs are laid in moist places.
- At birth, most amphibians do not look like their parents.

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Alligators

Dinosaurs were reptiles.
Many reptiles living today
are related to dinosaurs.
On the next pages
we will learn about
these reptile relatives.

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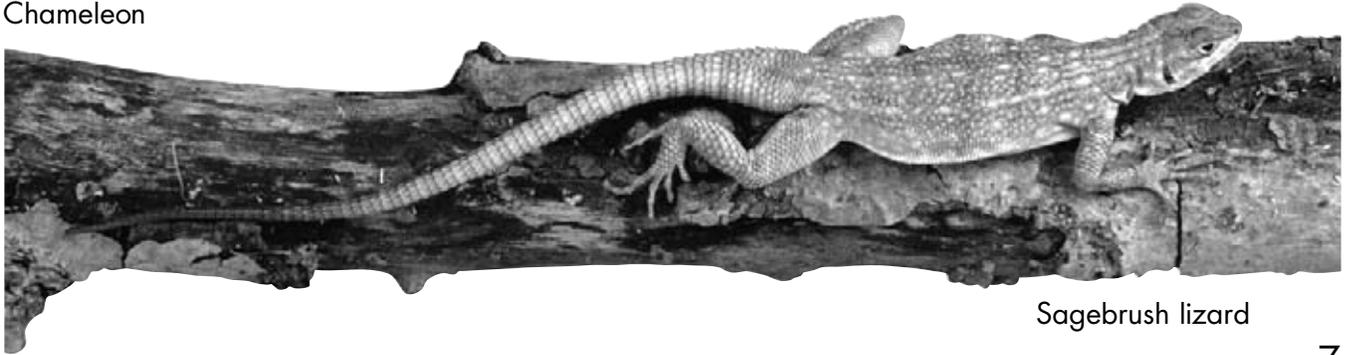
REPTILES



Chameleon

Lizards

All lizards are covered with scales. Lizards come in many sizes, shapes, and colors.



Sagebrush lizard

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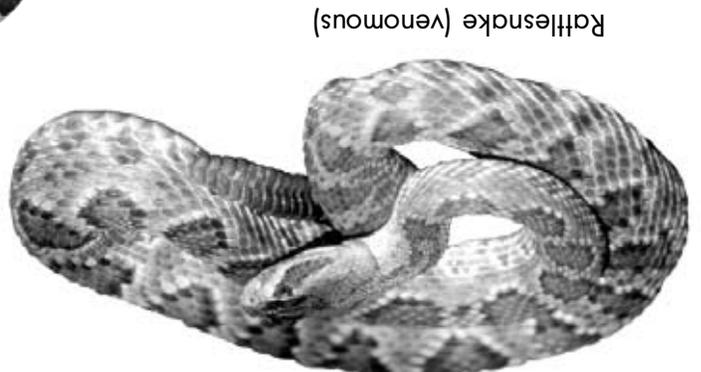
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Some snakes are venomous (poisonous), but most are not. Snakes shed their skin when it becomes too tight.

Snakes



Red tail boa (nonvenomous)

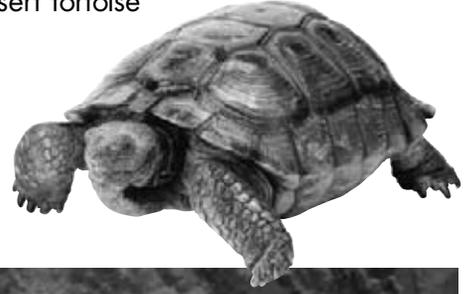


Rattlesnake (venomous)

Turtles

Different turtles live in different places. Tortoises live on land. True turtles spend most of their lives in the water. Sea turtles live only in the salty water of the world's oceans.

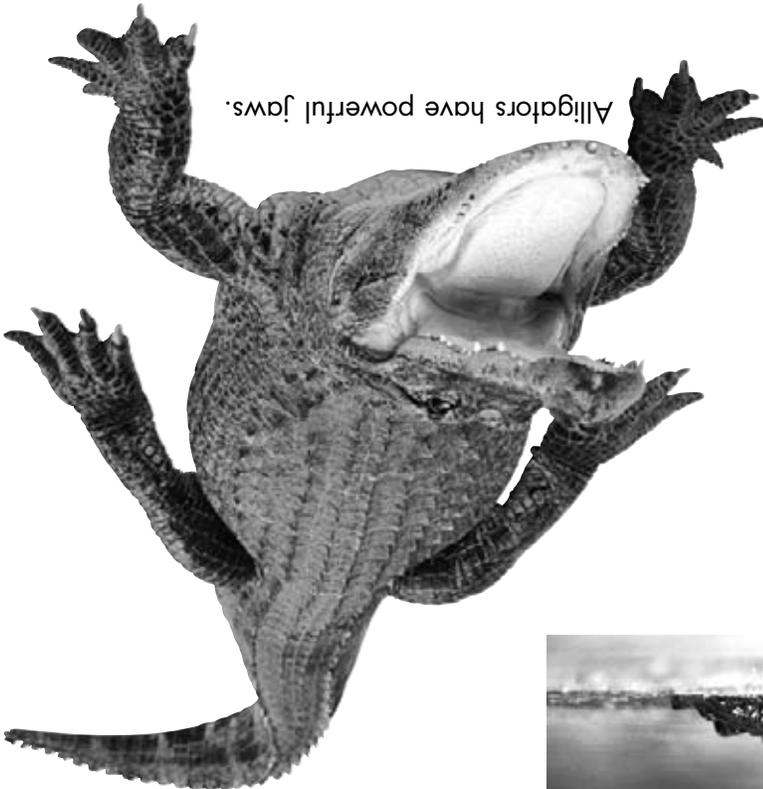
Desert tortoise



Box turtle



Hawksbill sea turtle



Alligators have powerful jaws.

Crocodiles and Alligators
These reptiles have many sharp teeth. Some of them were around when dinosaurs walked the earth.

An alligator mostly under water





This male toad's throat looks funny because it is singing.

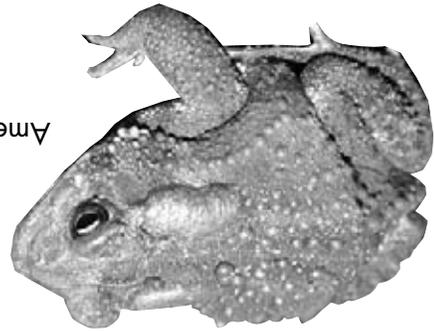
AMPHIBIANS

Many amphibians spend time both on land and in water. There are three different groups of amphibians. Turn the page to learn about them.

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Pacific tree frog



American toad

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Frogs and Toads

Frogs are some of the best leapers on Earth. Toads have shorter hind legs and fatter bodies than frogs. They hop or crawl instead of leaping.



Marbled salamander



Eastern newt

Salamanders and Newts

Many salamanders and newts have bodies shaped like lizards. But their slimy skin tells us that they are amphibians.

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They look like
earthworms, but they
have very sharp teeth.



South American caecilian

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Special Amphibians
Some amphibians
do not have legs.
Most of them live on land.
A few live in water.



Rubber eel



Texas blind salamanders are endangered.

Many reptiles and amphibians are endangered. Some have already become extinct (wiped out completely). Many of their homes have been polluted and destroyed.

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Hawksbill sea turtles are endangered.



Reptiles and amphibians are important members of the web of life. Like all other animals, they have a place in our world. We need to protect their homes and help them to stay alive.

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