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- Contains thrilling details of O'Shea's own encounters with snakes
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"[D]azzling, a photographic journey among the scaly and the lethal."--**Anneli Rufus, *East Bay Express***

"If you want a world of information on venomous snakes then look no further than *Venomous Snakes of the World*. I promise you that you will find the text entertaining and the photos unforgettable."--***The Flying Mullet***

About the Author

Mark O'Shea, curator of reptiles at West Midland Safari Park (U.K.), has participated in more than sixty fieldwork and filming exhibitions, traveling to every continent except Antarctica.

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