

## Snakes and Lizards in Your Pocket: A Guide to Reptiles of the Upper Midwest



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*Basically no phrases to clarify. It really is rally fascinating throug reading time. Once you begin to read the book, it is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding.*

*(Anabel Zemlak)*

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