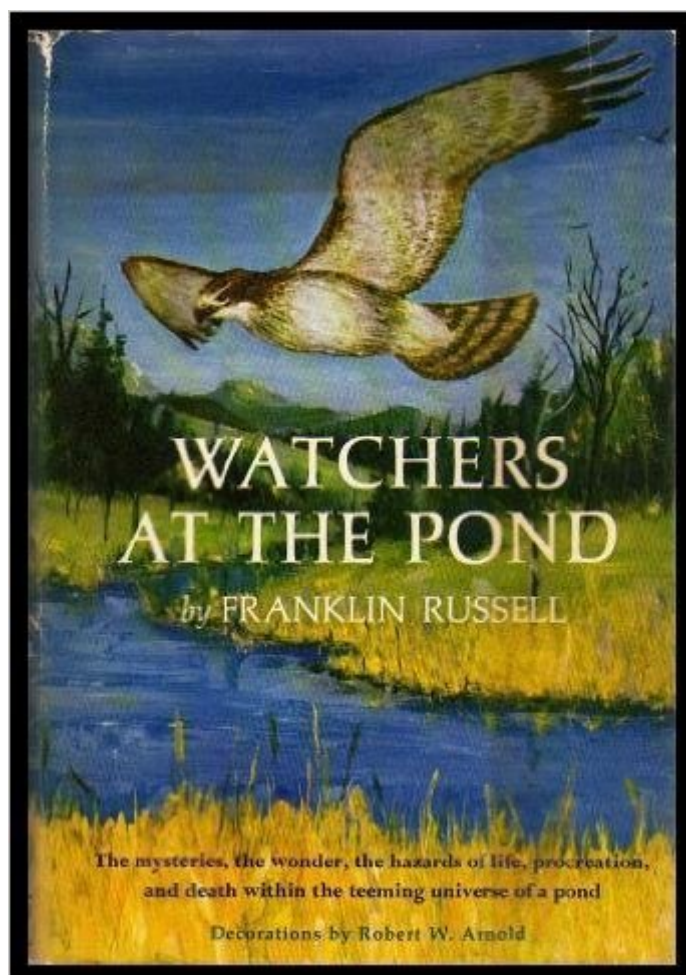


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This is one of the most fascinating books of the genre I've had the pleasure to read. A year in the life of a pond. While this subject may sound mundane, I will promise you that you will not be able to put it down once you start. Good, I mean "really good" nature books are hard to find. This ranks among the best. I have to agree with another reviewer in that, in this case, the written word is as powerful as the camera, if not more so. The author has wonderful insight to the workings of nature. If you can find a copy of this one, read it and enjoy it. I highly recommend.

The most moving, awesome book I've ever read about ecology. On the surface it simply follows all the life forms around a pond through 1 year. Things are born, hatched, germinated; and they die; 1/4 of the way through all the death really got me down, but I kept reading, and eventually realized that it's only in my own head that events are "bad" or "good." Russell succeeded at an extremely difficult task: presenting things as they are. The journey takes you deep into yourself, gives you a new perspective of the living systems that embody and support life on Earth. Dover Books should do a reprint of this book!

I read this book about 30 years ago. It drew me into the world of the pond's inhabitants and imprinted itself upon my memory. In a time of stunning photography and CGI graphics it reminds us that text still one of the most immersive of media. This is a gem and I can't wait to possess it again.

This is really one of the most incredible books I have ever read. Truly a great, unrecognized classic! Although an account of seasonal life in and around a pond, it took me to some pretty deep places within myself. Not to sound melodramatic, but at times, reading this book was something akin to a religious experience. The author has this amazing ability to be writing along about something seemingly obscure and then knock you into "the big picture" with the simple turn of a phrase. His writing is clear and precise, yet mind-blowing in his ability to put you in a place of complete awe of what is going on around us at all times in nature. To me it reads like a movie. I am curious to know more about the author, but there doesn't seem to be much out there on the web. I would love to know more about his background, and how he came to know some of the things he writes about. Did he witness these events? This is a real gem. Anyone who has even the slightest interest in nature should read this. In fact, people who have no interest in nature should read this, because I could almost guarantee, they would be transformed by it.

I'm a senior now, but first read this book long ago featured in Reader's Digest books and loved it. That copy disappeared to my chagrin, so was delighted to find this full version on . I am so happy to have a copy again and renew my acquaintance with a beautiful, memorable book. Thank you, !

I owned this book in its original print but bought a second copy to use for a gift. It is so beautifully written and while the entire thing takes place at the same pond over the course of a year, it is never boring but makes you aware of all the many little dramas, the life and death matters that take place just around that little pond. Fabulous book for nature lovers.

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