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THE REPTILES



To Christian Balazs, with
my regards -
Archie Carr

About the Author

Archie Carr, though born in Mobile, Alabama, has long been as much a part of Florida as the reptiles there he knows and loves so well. He went to college at the University of Florida, received his M.S. and his Ph.D. there and has taught in the biology department of that institution since 1937. Fascinated by turtles and snakes from the time he was a boy, he is known far beyond the boundaries of Florida as probably the greatest authority on sea turtles in the world. He is particularly identified with the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, an organization dedicated to saving the green turtle from extinction, and has directed a seasonal research program at the breeding ground of the green turtle at Tortuguero, Costa Rica. He has also worked extensively on other continents, notably Africa, Australia and South America. A prolific writer as well as a scientist, he is the author of numerous scientific papers and 11 books, including *The Everglades* in The American Wilderness series. For two of these books he won the Daniel Giraud Elliott medal for pre-eminence in zoology, and the John Burroughs medal for nature writing. In 1973 the World Wildlife Fund awarded him its gold medal for the application of scientific findings to the conservation of marine turtles; most recently, he received the Edward W. Browning Award for achievement in biological conservation.