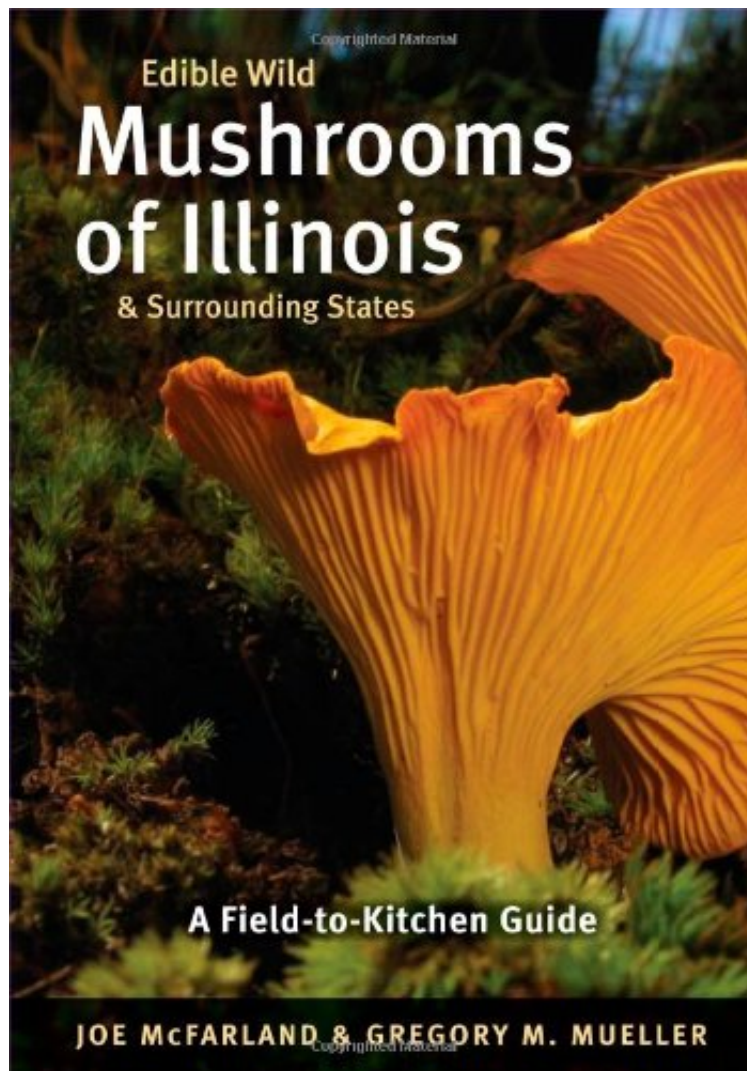


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must have mushroom guide. Last late summer we had in our deep So. Indiana woods a bounty of beautiful egg yoke color 3-6" mushrooms. Wife and I took some back to cabin, looked them up in the book and they were just like the cover. Chanterelles. We are, were, novice mushroom hunters but were very comfortable with the identity. Imagine we had the confidence to identify and then harvest the mother load of the rarest of all gourmet mushrooms. Tasty! Wonderful and we had so many we gave to good friends. I'd give the book 6 stars due to the great photos and no-nonsense articles. Particularly and important is the pictures of the supposed look alike mushrooms that are dangerous. Shoom in confidence with this fantastic book! 27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Awesome field guide! By fugu3 After purchasing so many mushroom guides with muddy, poorly-lit [or drawn] illustrations, mind-numbing lists of obscure sub-species, and detailed accounts of taxonomic histories from the dawn of time, it is wonderful to open this new guide and actually learn useful stuff about mushrooms. The book is perfectly organized, with clear descriptions and first-rate photographs of common toxic and then edible area fungi and their habitats, and is extremely helpful in identification. I would strongly recommend this guide to both experienced and novice mushroom hunters. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Would give it SIX stars if it was possible! By CarolECIA Although I'm in southern Wisconsin, thankfully this excellent book covers my area also. I really appreciate the look-alike comparisons and the clear instructions on how to tell them apart. The section of recipes is fabulous, although many are probably too advanced for me to try! Still, it's great fun to see what creative chefs can do with exotic ingredients. "Fry 'em up in butter" is my speed, and that's the first cooking test recommended for a wild mushroom of any sort. This book is great winter reading, but it makes me long to get out in the woods and hunt for these rare goodies! As other reviewers have said - wonderful photography and excellent, expert advice is in this book; it's the best mushroom book I've found.

Lavishly illustrated with nearly three hundred gorgeous full-color photos, this engaging guidebook carefully describes forty different edible species of wild mushrooms found around Illinois and surrounding states, including Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Indiana, and Kentucky. With conversational and witty prose, the book provides extensive detail on each edible species, including photographs of potential look-alikes to help you safely identify and avoid poisonous species. Mushroom lovers from Chicago to Cairo will find their favorite local varieties, including morels, chanterelles, boletes, puffballs, and many others. Veteran mushroom hunters Joe McFarland and Gregory M. Mueller also impart their wisdom about the best times and places to find these hidden gems. *Edible Wild Mushrooms of Illinois and Surrounding States* also offers practical advice on preparing, storing, drying, and cooking with wild mushrooms, presenting more than two dozen tantalizing mushroom recipes from some of the best restaurants and chefs in Illinois, including one of *Food Wine* magazine's top 10 new chefs of 2007. Recipes include classics like Beer Battered Morels, Parasol Mushroom Frittatas, and even the highly improbable (yet delectable) Morel Tiramisu for dessert. As the first new book about Illinois mushrooms in more than eighty years, this is the guide that mushroom hunters and cooks have been craving. Visit the book's companion website at www.illinoismushrooms.com.

"Perfect for any mushroom hunter or wannabe hunter." --*Illinois Country Living* "[A] beautifully photographed, chummily written guide." *Chicago Reader*