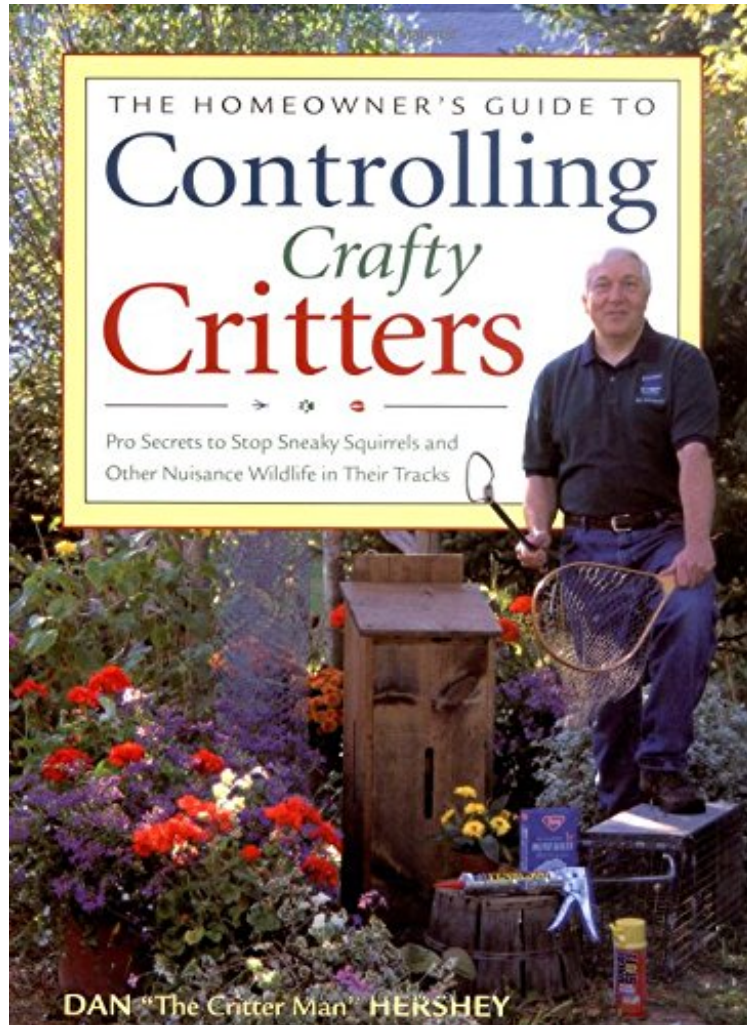


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Dan Hershey : The Homeowner's Guide to Controlling Crafty Critters: Pro Secrets for Stopping Sneaky Squirrels and Other Crafty Critters in Their Tracks before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Homeowner's Guide to Controlling Crafty Critters: Pro Secrets for Stopping Sneaky Squirrels and Other Crafty Critters in Their Tracks:

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major music lover Dan Hershey's up-bringing and personal interests led him to become a 'Nuisance Wildlife Control Officer'. The information in this 176 page book (2002) is presented with the premise that "you can't control critters if you don't understand them". The contents cover 30 animals/insects, with information of trapping/capturing ~ chemical repellents/deterrents ~ animal habits/nesting ~ diseases ~ relocating and much more. The list of 30 critters follows ~ Bats - Beavers - Bees - Chipmunks - Coyote - Deer - Ducks - Foxes - Geese - Gophers - Ground Squirrels - Mice - Moles - Muskrats - Opossums - Pigeons - Pocket Gophers - Porcupines - Rabbits - Raccoons - Rats - Seagulls - Skunks - Snakes - Snapping Turtles - Squirrels - Voles - Woodchucks - Woodpeckers - Yellow Jackets. The book is chucked full of helpful information for resolving animal issues as humanely as possible, but also what to do if a lethal solution is necessary. For each critter, is listed what works best for bait, traps, and occasionally how to economically make your own traps. Having said that ~ occasionally I felt the book was vague, lacking clarity, distinct details illustrations. Most photos are of the species of critter, and doesn't illustrate Hershey's instructions. I found myself wondering exactly what he was referring to? - or exactly where does he mean? Example: pg 113 - (trapping a Opossum) "I also place a block of wood or stone under the front part of the foot trigger. This forces the animal to go farther into the trap" (where? - inside? or out side?) Pg 115 (handling/relocating) "Once you've caught the animal, most conservation departments have wildlife agents who can help relocate, remove, or dispose of it". At no point is it mentioned how to safely release the Opossum by myself, which is one of the main reasons I wanted the book. Pages 172 173 list several manufactures (with ph #) of various products ~ traps/repellents etc. Pages 174 175 list several helpful websites on this subject. Page 176 ~ index of pages of various information - 30 critters, and all the rest, from bait stations to ultrasonic devices. For the most part this is a good reference book and great learning tool. It's worth five stars for the information that's here, but I was disappointed to find that not all my questions were answered here. For distinct details, structure and ease of use I didn't feel this book was very well done. 14 of 17 people found the following review helpful. The testimony of an expert with 20 years of experience By Midwest Book Review *The Critter Control Handbook: Pro Secrets For Stopping Sneaky Squirrels Other Crafty Critters In Their Tracks* by Dan "The Critter Man" Hershey is the testimony of an expert with 20 years of experience as a licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Officer. Individual chapters address how to identify a creature control problem, evaluating whether or not a contractor is necessary, and a wide variety of means to keep animals at bay from fencing and repellents to lethal traps and hunting. Of particular interest is the lengthy and informative section devoted to a long list of pest animals ranging from bees and wasps to squirrels and woodchucks. If you have a problem with nuisance creatures, *The Critter Control Handbook* is a "must" to learn about practical, effective (and sometimes surprising) solutions!

Who hasn't been frustrated trying to outwit a daring deer, a roaming raccoon, a pesky pigeon or a sneaky squirrel? The best offense is a good defense, so arm yourself with "Controlling Crafty Critters"! Author Dan "The Critter Man" Hershey, who has 20 years of experience as a licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Officer, shares his professional secrets that are guaranteed to help you control critters--from bees to beavers; from squirrels to snakes--no matter where you live. Hershey presents the most current, effective, and humane methods for controlling more than 20 nuisance animals. His time-tested techniques include using common nontoxic household items, setting traps, and when necessary, resorting to more drastic solutions. "Controlling Crafty Critters" is packed with pro tips such as: -Why hanging a mousetrap will catch twice as many mice -Which popular bar soap will repel deer -Which sliced fruit is the best bait for woodchucks -Which fruit drink will repel geese and ducks Reclaim your yard and home! Eliminate headache and frustration by putting Hershey's advice to use today . . . for a critter-free home tomorrow.

.com Sometimes, says Dan Hershey, author of *The Critter Control Handbook*, you just have to face up to it: it's them or us. Sure, bats are singularly interesting and do their helpful bit in the food chain by dining on pesky insects. Unfortunately, they can also roost in attics and chimneys, leave parasite-infested guano around and, incredibly, even do widespread vehicle damage at car dealerships. Cottontail rabbits damage gardens and fruit trees, snapping turtles gobble ducklings, deer destroy entire commercial crops. Then, of course, there are vermin.... What to do? Hershey acknowledges the full range of practical, ethical, and legal considerations when it comes to repelling or killing pests of all kinds, and his recommendations range from the conservative (grow plants unappealing to specific animals) to common sense measures (don't put "islands" in the middle of your pond if you don't want waterfowl there) to the extreme (get a hunting permit). The author isn't shy about suggesting controversial deterrents, e.g., toxic chemicals or leg traps; he does, however, caution the reader to be fully aware of wildlife protections and environmental laws peculiar to one's community. Though packed with information, the Handbook's content is streamlined and accessible, with concise guides, bite-size tips, helpful photos, and no-nonsense text. Dealing with pests is an uncomfortable fact of life; Hershey helps us shoulder the burden with the benefit of his experience. --Tom Keogh About the Author Dan Hershey has 20 years of experience as a licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Officer.