This popular handbook for the captive husbandry and breeding of tarantulas, originally published in the German language, is now available in English. The taxonomy has been updated by the author, Peter Klaas. The text is in two sections. The first is an introductory section discussing tarantula anatomy and life history, the relationships of tarantulas to other arthropods, and general information on vivarium setup and special requirements of tarantulas in captivity. Problems arising in captive care—such as disease and parasites—are discussed, as is the problem of tarantula bites to humans. The second section consists of individual accounts on 40 of the more commonly kept species from around the world. These are illustrated in the books 123 color photographs. Peculiarities of each of these species are discussed, with special attention to their requirements in captivity. Tarantulas are becoming increasingly popular as vivarium and zoo specimens. This book, based upon the authors extensive personal experience, will become an important reference on the topic, and will add greatly to the small amount of published information about them.

My Personal Review:
If you own one or many tarantulas this is a great book to add to your library. An excellent reference source for information on many of the common species kept by tarantula hobbyists. You will find good pictures and each species account has the scientific and common name (including new taxonomy), distribution, maximum size, description, husbandry, breeding and remarks. If you are looking to breed tarantulas this book is an absolute must. The husbandry sections will give more specific information about the minimum size enclosure, substrate depth, day and night temperature as well as humidity. There are also some good tips for general construction of vivariums or "tarantulariums".