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"More than just a field guide, *Dragonflies through Binoculars* describes the habitual, seasonal occurrence, and natural history of 307 species of dragonflies."--*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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