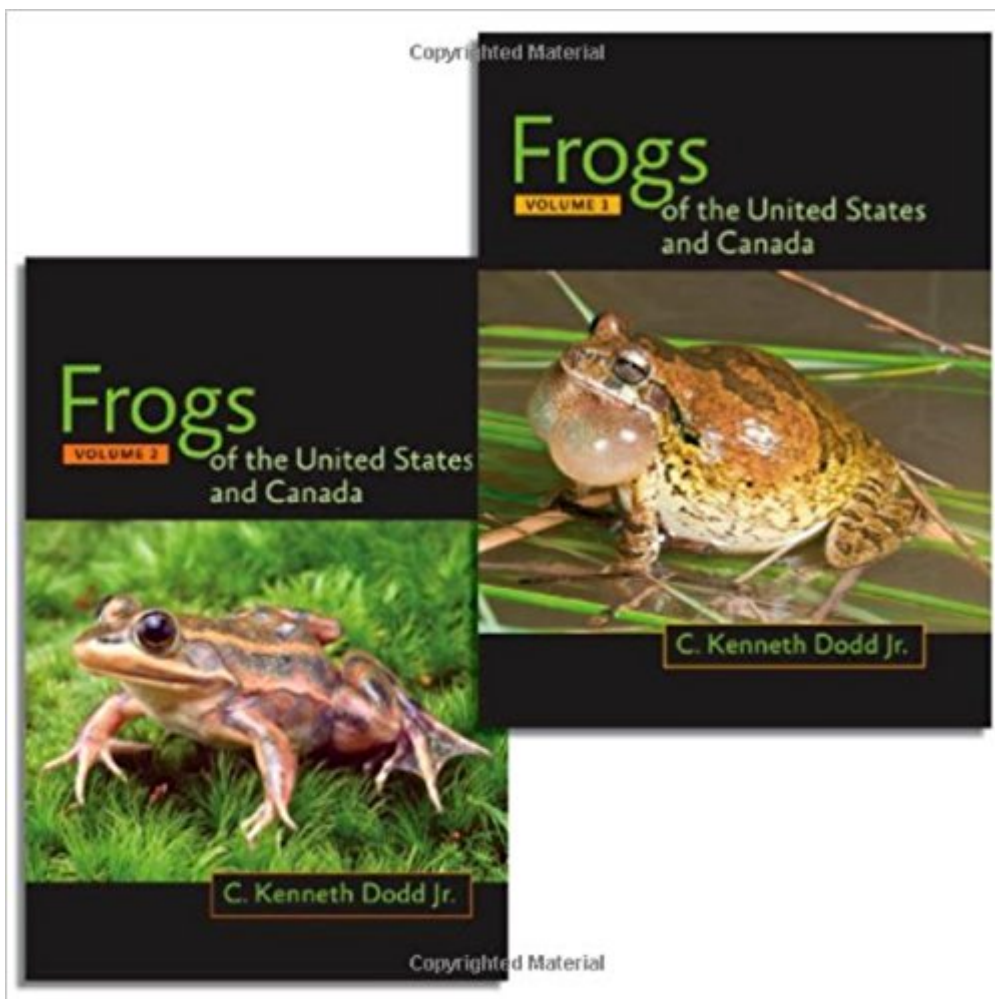




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C. Kenneth Dodd Jr. is an associate professor (courtesy) in the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida, and is a former president of the Herpetologists' League. He is the author of *The Amphibians of Great Smoky Mountains National Park*.

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