

opening extract from

Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide

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"I believe when I am in the mood that all nature is full of people whom we cannot see, and that some of these are ugly or grotesque, and some wicked or foolish, but very many beautiful beyond any one we have ever seen, and that these are not far away. . . . the simple of all times and the wise men of ancient times have seen them and even spoken to them."

— W. B. Yeats, The Celtic Twilight

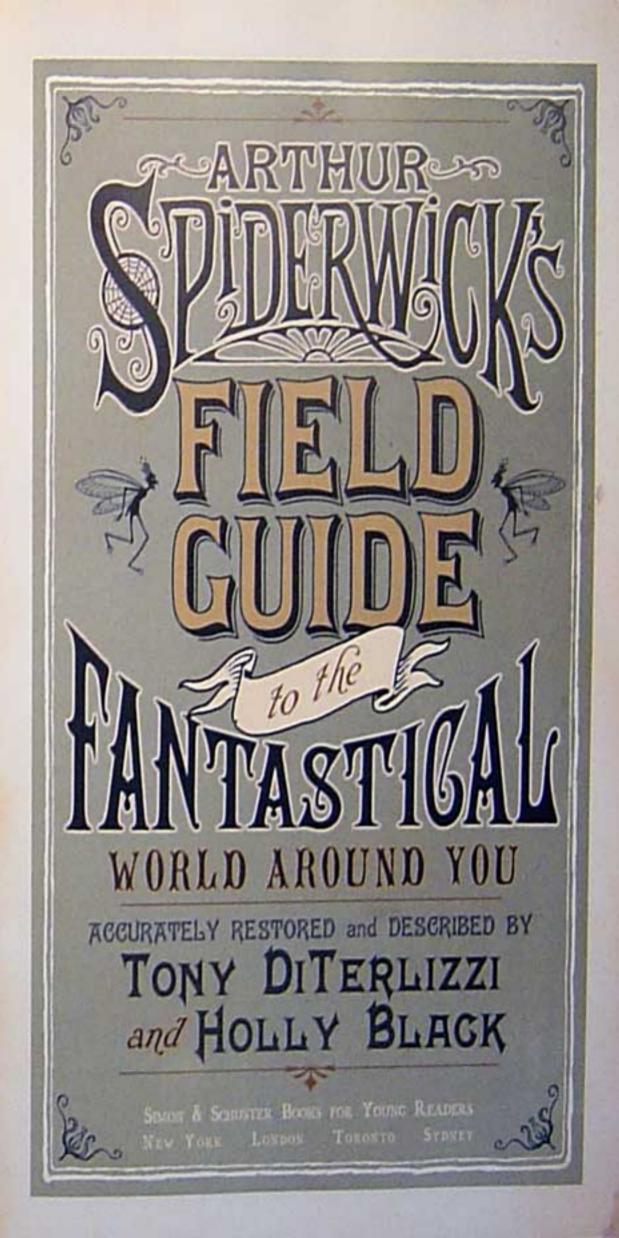


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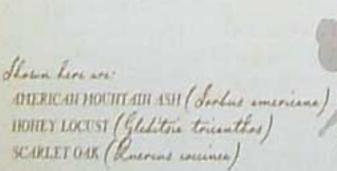
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Before one begins an expedition to observe the habits and habitats of fantastical creatures, there are several useful items one should collect.

A thermos with milk for appearing and laving fairies. They like milk best lukewarm.



One ting each from an oak, an ask, and a thorn tree. Bird these together with red thosal, and this will offer protection against facile fall.





A magnifying glass comes in landy, especially when studying smaller creatures like sporter and salamanders.



It should be noted that the color red is protective, but facries do not like the color and will shy away from it in the same manner that bees fly from smoke, making the facries more difficult to find. The color green will, by contrast, draw facries, but they may not be pleased to find a human wearing their color.

When hunting for northernal creatures such as banshess and will-o'the wishs, a flashlight is quite helpful.



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