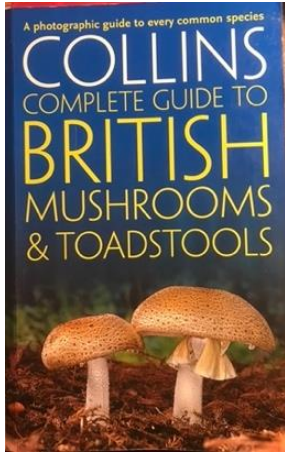


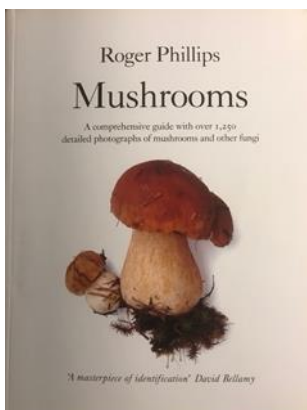
Amazon can be a good place to start although, the [NHBS](#) (Natural History Book Service) has a better range and will include many more specialist books that will not find their way to Amazon.

Sterry & Hughes – Collins Complete Guide to British Mushrooms & Toadstools (2009)



Good to start with for a beginner. This is relatively cheap (£14 on Amazon - January 2023) and has most of the common species in it. This book is unusual in that all the images are labelled with the English name, as are the description headings. The Latin names are in a smaller font underneath the description headings. I use this as a starting point and will often carry it with me.

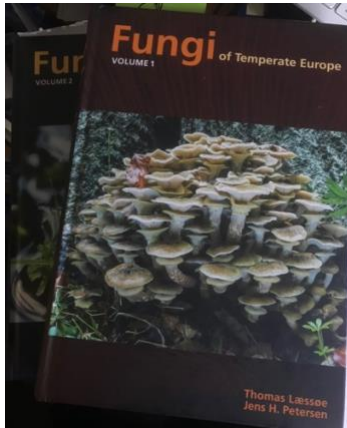
Roger Phillips – Mushrooms (2006)



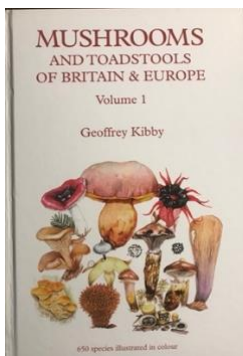
Also, quite cheap (£20 on Amazon - January 2023) and good for the beginner, but a lot of the names are now well out of date, although this applies to so many fungi books as DNA research on fungi is increasing.

Thomas Læssøe & Jens H. Petersen – Fungi of Temperate Europe (2019)

A two-volume set. Expensive (around £80) and very heavy. Very comprehensive with a unique way to assist in finding the identity of a fungus, (Fungi wheels – see section on groups of fungi).



Geoffrey Kibby – Mushrooms & Toadstools of Britain & Europe (2017-2023)



Three volumes so far, the fourth due this year quite expensive (£30 per volume – January 2023)

Very different to those books above as the fungi are all illustrated by drawings which has the advantage of them being able to be shown at their best. Geoffrey Kibby is a well-respected mycologist who often assists in identifying fungi on the British Mycological Society Facebook page - this page is the principal reason that I use Facebook.

Kibby has also published monographs on individual genus of fungi that are worth considering if the fungi bug gets a serious grip on you.

There is not any one book that is best. They are all very good but for different reasons. The ideal solution is to purchase several books, as you cannot really have too many. The older books have more out-of-date names. Charity bookshops can a good source of often very cheap books on fungi – I've found the 1981 edition of Roger Philip's book on fungi on sale for as little as £2.50.

