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### **ABOUT THE BOOK :**

Dr Farokh undertook a journey to Sao Paulo (Brazil) and visited Instituto Butanta to study venomous snakes and insects. He learnt all about snakes and observed them, which allowed him to perceive every snake remedy. After returning from Brazil, Dr F.J. Master decided to start proving those snakes whose Materia Medica was not sufficient enough to evolve the mental picture in homeopathic language. This book is the result of his exhaustive efforts and consists of detailed provings of lesser known snake remedies.

#### **Reviews** :

'Dr Farokh Master's new book on snake remedies is a total jewel. It represents the first comprehensive work on all aspects of the snake remedies with clinically confirmed materia medica from his vast experience as a master homeopath. No practitioner or student will want to be without this invaluable addition to our homeopathic literature.' —Kim Elia, USA

'In this book, Dr Master has covered all possible information on snakes. Grounding each member of the snake family with its zoological information he then moves to the provings to distill the best and most relevant information from those early trials. Combining that with the toxicological information, noting both primary and secondary reactions he creates an easily memorable schema of the individual remedies. When it comes to understanding the qualities of the snake family and the indications of the individual members of this group, this work complements beautifully the work we have from Thompson, Avedissian and others. Rarely has any homeopath been so voluminous in print with technical books in locating a simillimum. This book on the snake family is a delightful and valuable addition to our knowledge of materia medica.'

#### –Alastair Gray, Australia

'It is perfect: snake biology, mythology, symbolism, themes and concepts, provings and a lot of other information. The bedside guiding symptoms, the commentary of the dreams, the confirmatory symptoms and the differential diagnosis in the book are very good. I believe that this book will complete our knowledge about snake remedies. I have discussed principles of homeopathy several times with Dr Farokh Master and realised that his homeopathic knowledge is extensive. Keeping in view his homeopathic approach I advice everybody to use his books.'

#### -Roberto Petrucci, Italy

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#### -Uta Santos-König, Austria

'Dr Farokh Master must be congratulated on his extensive compilation of snake remedies and the addition of clinical data and provings to our materia medica. There is no doubt that this work will further enrich our knowledge and enhance our clinical results.'

#### –Jeremy Sherr, UK

Fascinated by the snakes and venoms that Farokh saw in the Instituto Butanta, Sao Paulo (Brazil), he returned to India to conduct many snake provings. There are many snapshots of situational materia medica, some from modern India, others from mythology, which floodlight the remedies vividly. Rubrics are offered to underline the effects of the venoms, and each remedy has a very useful set of 'bedside guiding symptoms' covering the whole body. The addenda of comparisons between the snake and other remedies are useful in the differentiation which is always a complex task. It is impossible not to be drawn into this fascinating book, as it is so very readable, ranging like the snakes over many continents and creating vivid materia medica for the mind to digest at leisure.<sup>1</sup>

#### —Jenni Tree, Holland

'Farokh Master's Snakes to Similimum will assist all Classical homeopaths to get closer to the essence of these remedies. He has brought together proving information, materia medica and clinical experience that will be of great use to all those who are interested in practicing classical homeopathy successfully.'

-George Vithoulkas, Greece

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR :

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CHAPTER 2

## **TAXONOMY OF SNAKES**

Super kingdom  $\rightarrow$  Eukaryota Kingdom  $\rightarrow$  Animalia Subphylum  $\rightarrow$  Vertebrata Super class  $\rightarrow$  Tetrapoda Class  $\rightarrow$  Reptilia Subclass  $\rightarrow$  Lepidosauria Order  $\rightarrow$  Squamata Suborder  $\rightarrow$  Ophidea / serpents Super family  $\rightarrow$  Henophidia (Boidea)

Families → Aniliidae, Anomochilidae, Boidae, Bolyeridea, Cylindrophiidae, Loxocemidae, Tropidophiidae, Uropeltidae, Xenopeltidae

Super family  $\rightarrow$  Typhlopoidea (Scolecophidea)

Families  $\rightarrow$  Anomalepidae, Leptotyphlopidae, Typhlopidae

Super family → Xenophidia (Colubroidea = Caenophidia)

Families → Acrochordidae, Atractaspididae, Colubridae, Elapidae, Viperidae

Families (categorized under Order Squamata) → Agamidae, Amphisbaenia, Amphisbaenidae, Anguidae, Anniellidae, Chamaeleonidae, Cordylidae, Corytophanidae, Crotaphytidae, Dibamidae, Gekkonidae, Gerrhosauridae, Gymnophthalmidae, Helodermatidae, Hoplocercidae, Hydrophiidae, Iguanidae, Lacertidae, Lanthanotidae, Opluridae, Phrynosomatidae, Polychrotidae, Pygopodidae, Rhineuridae, Scincidae, Teiidae, Tropiduridae, Varanidae, Xantusiidae, Xenosauridae

#### SUPER FAMILY – HENOPHIDIA (BOIDEA)

#### Family

- ANILIIDAE (Coral pipe snakes and Pipe snakes)
- ANOMOCHILIDAE (Dwarf pipe snakes)
- BOIDAE (Boas and Pythons)
- BOLYERIDAE (Round island boas)
- CYLINDROPHIIDAE (Asian pipe snakes)
- LOXOCEMIDAE (Mexican burrowing pythons)
- TROPOPHIIDAE (Dwarf boas)
- UROPELTIDAE (Shield-tailed snakes and Shorttailed snakes)
- XENOPELTIDAE (Sunbeam snakes)

# Family Aniliidate (Coral pipe snakes and Pipe snakes)

Genus Anilius

#### Family Anomochilidae (Dwarf pipe snakes)

• Genus Anomochilus

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#### Family Boidae (Boas and Pythons)

- Genus *Acrantophis* (Madagascar ground boa, Dumeril's boa and Madagascar tree boa)
- Genus *Antaresia* (Antares python and Australian python)
- Genus Apodora (Papuan python)
- Genus *Aspidites* (Australian aspidites python and Woma)
- Genus *Boa* (Boa constrictor and Boas)
- Genus Bothrochilus (Ringed python)
- Genus Calabaria (African burrowing python)
- Genus *Candoia* (Ground boa, Keel-scaled boa and Pacific Island boa)
- Genus *Charina* (Rosy boa and Rubber boa)
- Genus *Corallus* (Neotropical tree boa)
- Genus *Epicrates* (Rainbow boa and Slender boa)
- Genus *Eryx* (Old world sand boa)
- Genus *Eunectes* (Anaconda)
- Genus Gongylophis
- Genus *Leiopython* (White-lipped python)
- Genus *Liasis* (Australian python and Rock python)
- Genus *Morelia* (Carpet python)
- Genus *Python* (Common python)
- Genus Sanzinia (Boa mandrita)

#### Family Bolyeridae (Round island boas)

- Genus Bolyeria
- Genus Casarea

#### Family Cylindrophiidae (Asian pipe snakes)

• Genus Cylindrophis

#### Family Loxocemidae (Mexican burrowing pythons)

• Genus *Loxoxemus* 

#### Family Tropophiidae (Dwarf boas)

- Genus *Exiliboa* (Oaxacan dwarf boa)
- Genus *Trachyboa* (Eyelash boa)
- Genus *Tropidophis* (Dwarf boa)
- Genus Ungaliophis (Banana boa)
- Genus Xenophidion

# Family Uropeltidae (Shield-tailed snakes and Short-tailed snakes)

- Genus *Brachyophidium* (Mountain burrowing snake)
- Genus *Melanophidium* (Black earth snake)
- Genus *Platyplectrurus* (Thorntail snake)
- Genus *Plectrurus* (African burrowing snake)
- Genus *Pseudotyphlops* (Large shieldtail snake)
- Genus *Rhinophis* (Rhinocerps earth snake)
- Genus *Teretrurus* (Purple-red earth snake)
- Genus *Uropeltis* (Indian earth snake)

#### Family Xenopeltidae (Sunbeam snakes)

• Genus Xenopeltis (Secret snake; Cryptophidion)

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## SUPER FAMILY – TYPHLOPOIDEA (SCOLECOPHIDEA)

### Family

- ANOMALEPIDAE (Dawn blind snakes)
- LEPTOTYPHLOPIDAE (Slender blind snakes)
- **TYPHLOPIDAE (Blind snakes)**

#### Family Anomalepidae (Dawn blind snakes)

- Genus Anomalepis (South American blind snake)
- Genus *Helminthophis* (Greater blind snake)
- Genus *Liothphlops* (Lesser blind snake)
- Genus *Tyoholopis* (Trinidad blind snake)

#### Family Leptotyphlopidae (Slender blind snakes)

- Genus *Leptotypholops* (Slender blind snake)
- Genus *Rhinoleptus* (Villier's blind snake)

#### Family Typhlopidae (Blind snakes)

- Genus Acutotyphlops
- Genus Cyclotyphlops
- Genus Ramphotyphlops (Common blind snake)
- Genus *Rhinotyphlops* (Beaded snake)
- Genus Typhiops
- Genus *Typhlops* (Common worm snake)
- Genus Xenotyphlops

## SUPER FAMILY – XENOPHIDIA (COLUBROIDEA = CAENOPHIDIA)

### Family

- ACROCHORDIDAE (File snake)
- ATRACTASPIDIDAE (Mole viper)
- COLUBRIDAE (Colubrids)
- ELAPIDAE (Cobras, Coral snakes, and Kraits)
- VIPERIDAE (Pit vipers and Vipers)

#### Family Acrochordidae (File snakes)

• Genus Acrochordus (File snake and Javan wart snake)

#### Family Atractaspididae (Mole vipers)

- Genus *Amblyodipsas* (Purple-glossed snake)
- Genus Aparallactus (Centipede eater)
- Genus Atractaspis (Stiletto snake)
- Genus *Brachyophis* (Revoil's short snake)
- Genus Chilorhinophis (Two-headed snake)
- Genus *Elapotinus* (Jan's snake)
- Genus Homoroselaps (Harlequin snake)
- Genus Hypoptophis
- Genus *Macrelaps* (Natal black snake)
- Genus *Micrelaps* (Two-headed snake)
- Genus Polemon (Snake-eater)
- Genus Xenocalamus (Quill-snouted snake)

#### Family Colubridae (Colubrids)

- Genus *Achalinus* (Odd-scaled snake)
- Genus Adelophis (Meadow snake)
- Genus *Adelphicos* (American burrowing snake)
- Genus Aeluroglena
- Genus *Afronatrix* (African brown water snake)
- Genus *Ahaetulla* (Asian longnose whip snake)
- Genus Alluaudina
- Genus Alsophis (West Indian racer)
- Genus Amastridium (Rustyhead snake)
- Genus Amphiesma (Keelback)
- Genus Amphiesmoides (Ornate snake)
- Genus Amplorhinus (Many-spotted snake)
- Genus Anoplohydrus
- Genus *Antillophis* (Antillean snake)
- Genus Aplopeltura (Blunthead slug snake)
- Genus Apostolepis (Burrowing snake)
- Genus Argyrogena
- Genus Arizona (Glossy snake)
- Genus *Arrhyton* (Island racer and West Indian garden snake)
- Genus Aspidura (Rough-sided snake)
- Genus Asthenodipsas
- Genus *Atractus* (Ground snake)
- Genus *Atretium* (Keelback)
- Genus Balanophis

- Genus Bitia
- Genus *Blythia* (Reticulate snake)
- Genus *Bogertophis* (Desert rat snake)
- Genus *Boiga* (Biogas, Mangrove snake; *Toxicodryas*)
- Genus Boiruna
- Genus *Bothrolycus* (Gunther's black snake)
- Genus Bothrophthalmus (Red-black striped snake)
- Genus Brachyorrhos
- Genus Brygophis
- Genus Buhoma
- Genus *Calamaria* (Dwarf snake)
- Genus *Calamodontophis* (Tropical forest snake)
- Genus Calamorhabdium (Irridescent snake)
- Genus *Cantoria* (Water snake)
- Genus *Carphophis* (Worm snake)
- Genus *Cemophora* (Scarlet snake)
- Genus Cerberus (Dog-faced water snake)
- Genus *Cercaspis* (Wolf snake)
- Genus *Cercophis* (Golden snake)
- Genus *Chamaelycus* (Banded snake)
- Genus Chapinophis
- Genus Chersodromus (Earth runner)
- Genus Chilomeniscus (Sand snakes)
- Genus *Chionactis* (Shovel-nosed snake)
- Genus *Chironius* (Sipos)
- Genus *Chrysopelea* (Flying tree snake)
- Genus *Clelia* (Mussuranas)

- Genus *Clonophis* (Kirtland's snake)
- Genus Collorhabdium (Reed snake)
- Genus Coluber (Racers)
- Genus *Compsophis* (Madagascar bighead snake)
- Genus *Coniophanes* (Black-striped snake)
- Genus Conophis (Road guarder)
- Genus *Conopsis* (Tolucan ground snake; *Toluca*)
- Genus *Contia* (Sharp-tailed snake)
- Genus Coronella
- Genus *Crisantophis* (Dunn's road guarder)
- Genus Crotaphopeltis (Tropical water snake)
- Genus Cryophis
- Genus Cyclocorus (Lined snake)
- Genus Cyclophiops (Green snake)
- Genus Darlingtonia
- Genus *Dasypeltis* (Egg-eating snake)
- Genus *Dendrelaphis* (Asian tree snake and Bronzeback)
- Genus *Dendrolycus* (Rainforest snake)
- Genus *Dendrophidion* (Forest racer)
- Genus *Diadophis* (Ring-necked snake)
- Genus *Diaphorolepis* (Frog-eating snake)
- Genus *Dinodon* (Big-tooth snake)
- Genus *Dipsadoboa* (Tree snake)
- Genus *Dipsas* (Snail-eater)
- Genus Dipsina
- Genus *Dispholidus* (Boomslang)
- Genus *Ditaxodon* (Hensel's snake)

- Genus *Ditypophis* (Gunther's racer)
- Genus *Drepanoides* (Black-collared snake)
- Genus *Dromicodryas* (Striped snake)
- Genus *Dromophis* (Olympic snake)
- Genus Drymarchon (Indigo snake)
- Genus Drymobius (Neotropical racer and Speckled racer)
- Genus Drymoluber (Woodland racer)
- Genus Dryocalamus (Bridal snake)
- Genus *Dryophiops* (Whip snake)
- Genus Duberria (Slug-eater)
- Genus Echinanthera
- Genus *Eirenis* (Dwarf racer)
- Genus *Elachistodon* (Indian egg-eating snake)
- Genus *Elaphe* (Corn snake, Fox snake, and Rat snake)
- Genus Elapoidis
- Genus *Elapomorphus* (Diadem snake)
- Genus *Emmochliophis* (Pinchinda snake)
- Genus *Enhydris* (Rainbow water snake)
- Genus *Enuliophis* (Colombia longtail snake)
- Genus *Enulius* (Mexican longtail snake)
- Genus *Eridiphas* (Baja California night snake)
- Genus *Erpeton* (Tentacled snake)
- Genus *Erythrolamprus* (Coral snake mimic)
- Genus *Etheridgeum* (Sumatra etheridge snake)
- Genus *Exallodontophis*
- Genus *Farancia* (Mud snakes and Rainbow snake)

- Genus *Ficimia* (Southern hook-nosed snake)
- Genus Fimbrios (Bearded snake)
- Genus *Fordonia* (White-belly mangrove snake)
- Genus Gastropyxis (Emerald snake)
- Genus Geagras
- Genus *Geodipsas* (African forest snake)
- Genus *Geophis* (Latin American earth snake)
- Genus Gerarda (Gerard's water snake)
- Genus Gomesophis (Brazilian burrowing snake)
- Genus Gongylosoma
- Genus Gonionotophis (African ground snake)
- Genus *Gonyophis* (Rainbow tree snake)
- Genus Gonyosoma (Redtail rat snake)
- Genus Grayia (African water snake)
- Genus *Gyalopion* (Desert hooknose snake)
- Genus *Haplocerus* (Ceylon keelback)
- Genus *Hapsidophrys* (Black-lined green snake)
- Genus *Helicops* (Mountain keelback)
- Genus *Helophis* (Sun snake)
- Genus Hemerophis
- Genus Hemirhagerrhis
- Genus Hemorrhois
- Genus *Heterodon* (Hog-nosed snake)
- Genus *Heteroliodon* (Madagascar snake)
- Genus *Heurnia* (Mamberamo river snake)
- Genus Hierophis
- Genus *Hologerrhum* (Philippine stripe-lipped snake)

- Genus *Homalopsis* (Masked water snake)
- Genus *Hormonotus* (Uganda house snake)
- Genus *Hydrablabes* (Small-eyed snake)
- Genus *Hydraethiops* (Black-belly snake)
- Genus *Hydrodynastes* (False water snake)
- Genus *Hydromorphus* (Tropical water snake)
- Genus *Hydrops* (Amazon water snake)
- Genus *Hypsiglena* (Night snake)
- Genus Hypsirhynchus (Hispaniola cat-eyed snake)
- Genus *Ialtris* (Fanged snake)
- Genus Iguanognathus (Spatula-tooth snake)
- Genus *Imantodes* (Central American tree snake)
- Genus Internatus (Slug snake)
- Genus *Ithycyphus* (Forest night snake)
- Genus *Lampropeltis* (King snakes and Milk snake)
- Genus *Lamprophis* (House snake)
- Genus *Langaha* (Leafnose snake)
- Genus *Leioheterodon* (Madagascar brown snake)
- Genus *Leptodeira* (Cat-eyed snake)
- Genus *Leptodrymus* (Striped lowland snake)
- Genus *Leptophis* (Parrot snake)
- Genus Lepturophis
- Genus *Limnophis* (Striped swamp snake)
- Genus *Lioheterophis* (Ihering's snake)
- Genus *Liopeltis* (Reed snake)
- Genus *Liophidium* (Bright snake)
- Genus *Liophis* (Amazon ground snake)

- Genus *Liopholidophis* (Madagascar water snake)
- Genus *Lycodon* (Wolf snake)
- Genus Lycodonomorphus (African water snake)
- Genus *Lycodryas* (Banded tree snake)
- Genus Lycognathophis (Scopelophis)
- Genus *Lycophidion* (African wolf snake)
- Genus *Lystrophis* (South American hognose snake)
- Genus *Lytorhynchus* (Leafnose snake)
- Genus *Macrocalamus* (Mountain reed snake)
- Genus *Macropisthodon* (Varied keelback)
- Genus *Macroprotodon* (False smooth snake)
- Genus Madagascarophis (Madagascar common snake)
- Genus *Malpolon* (Montpelier snake)
- Genus Manolepis (Ridgehead snake)
- Genus *Masticophis* (Coachwhips and Whip snake)
- Genus *Mastigodryas* (Tropical racer, Forest racer; *Dryadophis*)
- Genus *Mehelya* (File snake)
- Genus *Meizodon* (Crowned snake)
- Genus *Micropisthodon* (Flathead snake)
- Genus *Mimophis* (Big-eyed snake)
- Genus Montaspis
- Genus Myersophis
- Genus *Myron* (Richardson's mangrove snake)
- Genus *Natriciteres* (Marsh snake)
- Genus *Natrix* (Grass snake)
- Genus *Nerodia* (Water snake)

- Genus *Ninia* (Common coffee snake)
- Genus *Nothopsis* (Rough coffee snake)
- Genus *Oligodon* (Kukri snake)
- Genus Omoadiphas
- Genus *Opheodrys* (Rough green snake; Smooth green snake; *Liochlorophis*)
- Genus Opisthotropis
- Genus Oreocalamus (Kalimantan burrowing snake)
- Genus Oxybelis (Vine snake)
- Genus Oxyrhabdium (Shrub snake)
- Genus Oxyrhopus (False coral snake)
- Genus Parahelicops
- Genus Pararhabdophis (Vietnam water snake)
- Genus Pararhadinaea
- Genus Pareas (Asian slug snake)
- Genus Phalotris
- Genus *Philodryas* (Green racer)
- Genus *Philothamnus* (African green snake)
- Genus *Phimophis* (Pampas snake)
- Genus *Phyllorhynchus* (Leaf-nosed snake)
- Genus *Pituophis* (Bull snake, Gopher snake, and Pine snake)
- Genus *Plagiopholis* (Chinese mountain snake)
- Genus Platyceps
- Genus *Pliocercus* (Common false coral snake)
- Genus *Poecilopholis* (Cameroon racer)
- Genus *Prosymna* (Shovelsnout snake)

- Genus *Psammodynastes* (Mock viper)
- Genus *Psammophis* (Sand racer)
- Genus *Psammophylax* (Skaapsteker)
- Genus *Pseudablabes* (Burrowing night snake)
- Genus Pseudaspis
- Genus *Pseudoboa* (False boa)
- Genus *Pseudoboodon* (Banded snake)
- Genus *Pseudocyclophis* (Dwarf racer)
- Genus *Pseudoeryx* (Pond snake)
- Genus *Pseudoficimia* (False ficimia)
- Genus *Pseudoleptodeira* (False cat-eyed snake)
- Genus *Pseudorabdion* (Dwarf reed snake)
- Genus *Pseudotomodon* (False tomodon snake)
- Genus *Pseudoxenodon* (Bamboo snake)
- Genus *Pseudoxyrhopus* (Brook snake)
- Genus *Pseustes* (Puffing snake)
- Genus *Psomophis* (Spirit ground snake)
- Genus *Ptyas* (Indian rat snake)
- Genus *Ptychophis* (Fanged water snake)
- Genus *Pythonodipsas* (Western keeled snake)
- Genus Rabdion
- Genus *Rhachidelus* (Brazilian bird snake)
- Genus *Regina* (Crayfish snake)
- Genus *Rhabdophis* (Asian keelback)
- Genus *Rhabdops* (Trapezoid snake)
- Genus *Rhadinaea* (Graceful brown snake and Woodlands snake)

- Genus *Rhadinophanes* (Graceful mountain snake)
- Genus *Rhamnophis*
- Genus *Rhamphiophis* (Beaked snake)
- Genus *Rhinobothryum* (Banded snake)
- Genus *Rhinocheilus* (Long-nosed snake)
- Genus *Rhynchocalamus*
- Genus Rhynchophis
- Genus Salvadora (Patch-nosed snake)
- Genus Saphenophis (Saphenophis snake)
- Genus Scaphiodontophis (Neckband snake)
- Genus *Scaphiophis* (Gray beaked snake)
- Genus *Scolecophis* (Black-banded snake)
- Genus *Seminatrix* (Swamp snake)
- Genus *Senticolis* (Green rat snake)
- Genus *Sibon* (Snail sucker)
- Genus *Sibynomorphus* (South American tree snake)
- Genus Sibynophis (Many-tooth snake)
- Genus *Simophis* (Snouted snake)
- Genus *Sinonatrix* (Asiatic water snake)
- Genus *Siphlophis* (Spotted night snake)
- Genus Sonora (North American ground snake)
- Genus *Sordellina* (Dotted brown snake)
- Genus Spalerosophis (Diadem snake)
- Genus *Spilotes* (Tropical rat snake)
- Genus Stegonotus
- Genus Stenophis
- Genus Stenorrhina