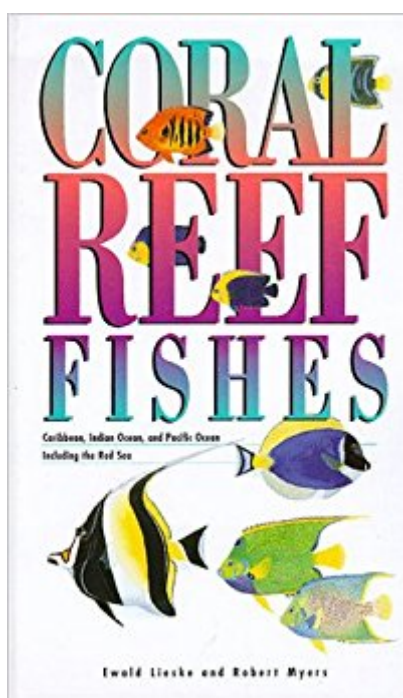


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Synopsis

Expanded and updated to include an additional 44 species, this is a handy guide to those fishes that are likely to be observed by anybody visiting or diving on the coral reefs of the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, and the Pacific to a depth of sixty meters. Accessible to amateur marine life enthusiasts, this book is the first comprehensive guide of its kind. It enables the reader to quickly identify 2,118 species of fish and includes over 2,500 color illustrations depicting the major forms of each species--male, female, immature, or geographical varieties. The text proceeds according to region, depicting each species and its varieties, and offering information on its geographic range and where on the coral reef itself the fish may be found. Important identification characteristics are highlighted on every color plate.

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Customer Reviews

If you're a scuba-diving or tropical-fish enthusiast, you'll want this well-illustrated, comprehensive guide to the reef fishes of the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, and the Pacific, where creatures with lime skeletons form giant underwater structures. No coral reef is quite like the next, but most abound in life. Ewald Lieske and Robert Myers catalog 2,074 fish species, each with a color plate, description, and notes on range and ecology. Bigeyes, snooks, stargazers, sweetlips: the names are a song, and this compendium makes a wonderful symphony. END

"Skin divers, here is the capital 'D' Definitive guide to all the fishes you're ever apt to see on reefs down to 60 meters."--John Balzar, Los Angeles Times
"An excellent field guide to coral reef fishes anywhere in the world.... [It] fills a niche for amateur and professional visitors to reefs, combining in one compact volume what has previously required several, usually expensive, works."--Naturalist
"Scuba divers, naturalists, and anyone fascinated with the wonder of coral reef fishes will welcome this book with great enthusiasm."--Wildlife Activist
"An excellent and handy reference source and would be an asset to any diver's library."--Doug Pemberton, Diver Magazine

I took this book with me on a recent dive trip to Fiji and found it of very limited use for fish identification. The book has no photographs, only drawings (or paintings), and the resolution and accuracy of the images is much too poor to distinguish similar species. I was unable to identify the particular species of anemonefish, lionfish, or scorpion fish that I encountered from the pictures in this book. I also found that including both the South Pacific and the Caribbean in one volume is more of a disadvantage than otherwise, since it is unlikely one would cover both regions in the same trip. It's a little like writing a guide book on New York and Tokyo--it makes the book look more comprehensive, but doesn't add much value. I would recommend almost any book with photographs over this one.

Its a great book for an entire collection, but hard to identify real species from the book. It is a list of all the species with fair illustrations and short description of each. Not what I expected. Probably good for Marine Bio.

great reference book, beautiful color photos. Easy to find common names and go as detailed as you want to scientific naming.

Overall, its a basic fish book that you could probably find at any discount bookstore or Goodwill in your neighborhood.

This book covers more species than any other in my collection of good fish books, about 3000 ones! That's why I'll give it three stars. The illustrations are beautiful but if you wish to identify real fishes, this isn't right book for you. It covers both Indo-Pacific and Caribbean and it describes 2000 species and about 1500 are from Indo-Pacific. That's what good with it. It is also enjoyable to read, as you can learn a lot but I would appreciate a photo book about the area better, because then

the fish looks like as you see it in the natural habitat. But if you like to draw coral reef fishes, I can recommend you to look at the pictures of this book. Real photographs are sometimes too detailed. And I think the sharks section should be bigger. There are about 400 species of sharks, and only 3 color plates are about sharks with a total number of maybe 40 species! That's not enough. But the angelfish chapters are absolutely detailed. But if you wish to have a really good book, I would recommend "Reef Fish Identification" for the Caribbean and "South East Asia Tropical Fish Guide" for the Pacific.

Robert F. Myers is a noted authority on reef fishes and author of the widely acclaimed book *Micronesian Reef Fishes*. Unlike that large, detailed and excellent volume, however, this book has small, color drawings instead of photographs. This allows the color plates to depict many similar-looking fishes on a single page, just as bird ID books do. Key markings on the fish are indicated unobtrusively with lines. The page opposite contains ID notes that correspond to the drawings. I think the drawings are adequate for most identification purposes and I find the "many fishes on one page" scheme helpful, although some other readers obviously disagree. But what makes this book a winner is that it combines comprehensiveness with small size. It describes an amazing 2000 species, all in a small, lightweight, easily carried, easily packed paperback. In short, it's perfect for taking along on a dive trip. The big, detailed fish books are great, of course, but too heavy to travel with. Use this book in the field, then look up further information in the big books when you get back home.

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