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Coral Kingdoms



Synopsis

A survey of the world's greatest diving spots by one of the finest undersea photographers at work today. Indexed. 250 photographs in full color.

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The dazzling photographs here frequently divert the reader from an excellent text. Roessler, author of *The Undersea Predators*, takes us on a diving tour of the world's great coral reefs, pointing out their similarities and differences. He begins with a lucid explanation of the role of ocean currents in reef formation, then discusses predation and coloration among reef creatures. The journey begins in the Caribbean, its garden islands and the Central American coast, both threatened by development; it moves to the Red Sea, with its spectacular reefs endangered by oil tankers, sunken freighters and uncontrolled fishing. Roessler points out the ghostly marine graveyard of World War II ships in Micronesia, and among the caves of Palau we find four species of shark. There are encounters with cuttlefish in the Philippines, turtles and crocodiles in Papua New Guinea. The journey continues to the Galapagos, Baja California, Hawaii, New Zealand and the Great Barrier Reef of Australia. Lavishly illustrated, this will appeal to divers, travelers or anyone who enjoys adventure. BOMC dividend. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have an older copy of this book from the 1980s which has many beautiful photos of coral reefs and

marine fish, entwined with a well written text describing the history of the marine reef system on this planet. The stock of the paper in this book is heavy and the photos are magnificent. I am not certain if the current version of this book is of such a high quality. If so, I don't know how they could sell this book for only \$8 without losing money. If this book is essentially the same as my older copy, it's highly recommended!

This is a great coffee table book. The Photo quality is excellent. The content about the locations leaves a little to be desired, but with the photo quality that is a minor squabble. If you are looking for insight into these diving locations, this book may not be for you. But if you want to see some of the best photographs from one of the world's foremost underwater photographer, you will get what you want and then some.

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