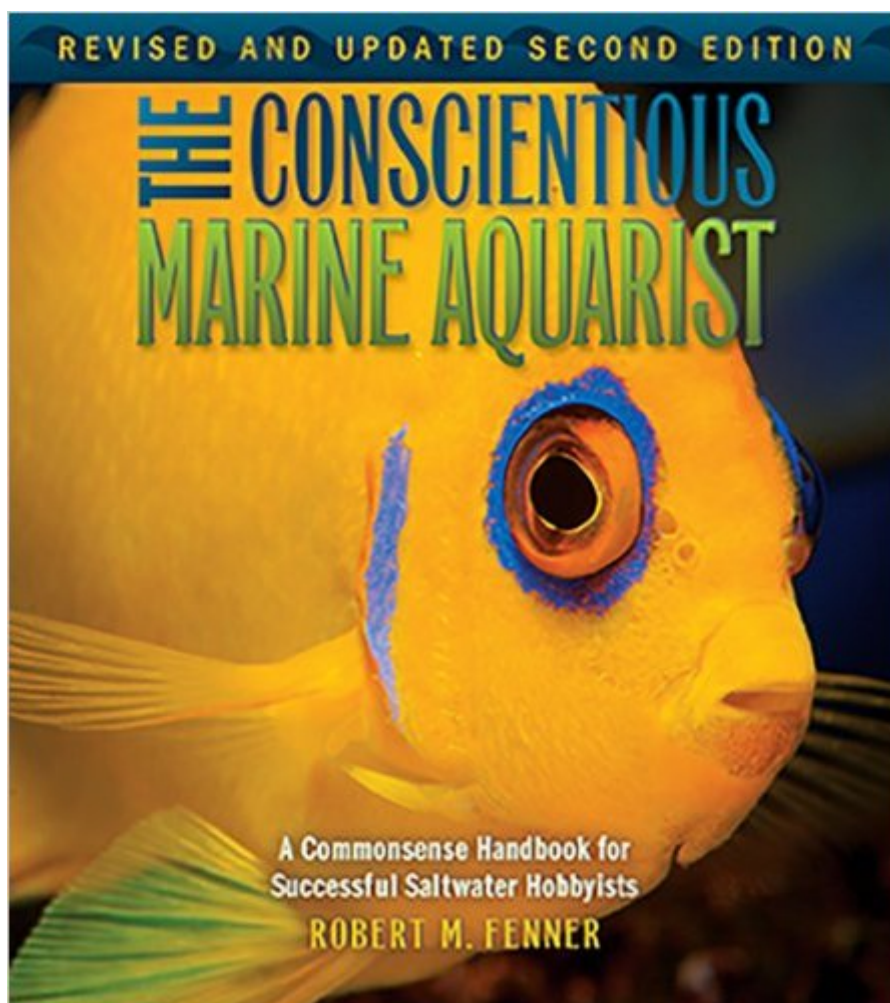


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# The Conscientious Marine Aquarist (Microcosm/T.F.H. Professional)



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A bestseller since it first published in 1998, *The Conscientious Marine Aquarist* is one of the best-respected, time-tested, hands-on marine aquarium books ever published. This indispensable guide spotlights scientific research performed by leading authorities that deals with various aspects of biology, ecology, systematics, and conservation. This wealth of information couples with captive-care techniques of nationally recognized aquarists and fascinating, never-before-seen photos.

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## Customer Reviews

With a brief history of the hobby to a simple, concise breakdown of the nitrogen cycle, this book is a must have for anyone involved in or considering marine husbandry. The reviews of species you might consider as additions to your biotope are both in-depth and concise. They stay away from "Don't you dare try to keep this..." and lean more towards "If you're going to try this, here's what you're getting in to with life form such and such, so please make an educated decision." I've had the book for a day, and have already gleaned a wealth of knowledge. I sincerely look forward to everything else I can get from this book and can't recommend it highly enough.

This book is a great resource. I would definitely recommend anyone interested in saltwater aquariums buy this book. One word of warning though, buy the newest edition, as there are important updates that could effect the success of your aquarium.

I saw this book as one of the most highly listed books on , and was a little hesitant at first. I mean a list price of 70 dollars? That's a bunch for a non-textbook kind of book. So I saw it in the local book store and I saw why it is so much- its HUGE and hardcover, and wow are there a ton of pics! So, I came home and ordered it, and have been reading this book straight through for about a week now and just finished it. Did I mention that this book is HUGE?? Its the most in-depth marine book I've read so far- and very very well written. Don't let the title fool you- this isn't some hippy-dippy lets save the environment book- although the author does mention ways you can be a smart consumer like stay away from cyanide poisoned fishes. Its mostly, heres the deal with marine tanks and how to keep them alive and well. I would recommend this book for saltwater newbies and old salts alike- I am definitely proud to have this book on my shelf and I'm sure will come back to reference it for years to come. Now, you probably don't have to read this book cover-to-cover as I did, as it has separate chapters for setting up tanks, care, and chapters on specific fish and inverts. I read it through because, well, I'm a nerd, and I love learning about new things. All and all, if there was one book for a saltwater fishkeeper to invest their money into, this book would be it. Also, it is a great companion with the New Marine Aquarium book. Please check out my other book reviews and tips for the beginning marine aquarium at: [...]

I would recommend this book to anyone who will set up a saltwater aquarium. It is the best book ever on marine aquariums! It covers everything you will need to know in great detail, from feeding and health to filter choices and tank setup. It is a slightly expensive book and I wasn't sure whether I should buy it or not, but I can assure you it was worth every penny! It is quite literally the marine aquarists bible!

Every owner of a saltwater tank knows the admiration, the adoration, the devotion that goes into a saltwater tank. I have a large Berlin system and a smaller 25 gallon nano tank. This is one of the books I regularly suggest to those new to the hobby in hopes of calming their fears. While you can find a great deal of information (and misinformation) on forums for the saltwater hobby there is something about waking up in the middle of the night for a feeding, discovering the problem, and having a careful and concise book to help with the issues that might arise. There are multiple chapters to this book with helpful quality photographs so that you aren't left wondering if it's Ich or not. You don't have to panic that a hitchhiker might be a dreaded glass anemone with this tome, the information is right there to calm your pounding heart. In a time where the hobby has increased in popularity, and there are people in person and online desperate to give you their opinion on every

little issue it's important to have a safe, vetted place to look for information. This book offers that solace, and as fans of this hobby know it's worth the price to save yourself from the panicked medicating of your tank or the sudden desperate attempts to determine if you're going to lose a prized fish or invertebrate.

This book is an excellent resource for beginners and anyone even CONSIDERING a saltwater tank. It was recommended to me by an employee at a local pet store that sells supplies/fish/rock for saltwater tanks. He could tell I was a newbie (despite having a saltwater tank when I was much younger) and a little confused by all the options and complexities. He mentioned that this book would save me hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars because it would help me avoid some of the most common mistakes a beginner makes. And I have to say, he was absolutely right! After reading the first few chapters of this book, which I found to be informative and fascinating, I quickly realized I was in way over my head, and I couldn't devote the time necessary to create and maintain a thriving, healthy environment. In addition, although I knew that this was not a cheap hobby, I don't think I fully appreciated how expensive it was really going to be, and how much time, effort and money was going to be required, before I read this book. I like to think of this book as the "Scared Straight" edition of "So You Want to Have a Pretty Saltwater Tank with Lots of Pretty Fishies, Coral and Sea Horses?" =) Although I ultimately decided not to go down the path of setting up a saltwater tank, had I decided to go through with it, I know the second half of this book would have been invaluable, too.

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