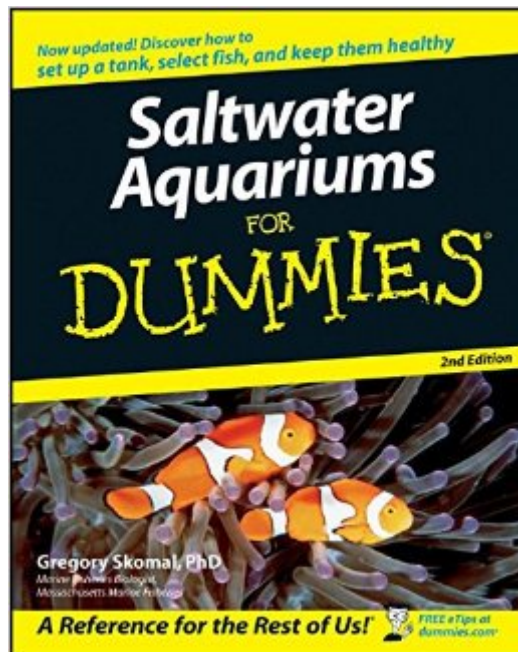


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# Saltwater Aquariums For Dummies



## Synopsis

Demystifies aquarium setup and maintenance Combine and care for a wide variety of marine fish and invertebrates Dive into the colorful world of saltwater fish! This fun, friendly guide gives you easy step-by-step instructions for choosing and caring for these amazing animals. You get the latest on feeding, tank upkeep, filtering systems, maintaining live rock, and preventing algae build-up, as well as what not to include in your aquarium. Discover how to Choose the best fish and equipment Get your tank up and running Maintain proper water conditions Keep your fish happy and healthy Avoid tank pitfalls Keep a brackish aquarium

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## Customer Reviews

I first want to contradict some of the other reviews on this page. This is a great book for the beginner. I used it and followed it to the T same goes for two of my friends. We have all had successful and healthy tanks for well over a year. This book will touch all the basics. Once you learn those you will then know the terminology and concepts and be able to find any other information you need for free, on the web. It is also very prevalent in the marine fish hobby to learn conflicting information. Much of the care of fish really requires observation what one person claims solves the problem may not be the best for another with a different setup and different fish. Keep this in mind when you do run into so said "contradictions" that other reviewers have claimed to exist. The book does talk about live rock, it also talks about undergravel filters being obsolete. Some of the reviewers seem to interpret being concise as not being informative. The author even states that

technology in the hobby is always expanding, so you need to talk with your local livestock dealer. If I could take the time to improve this book I would do two things. 1.) Color photos it is hard to tell what a saltwater fish looks like in real life from a b/w photo. 2.) A fish compatibility chart that details fishes and their compatibilities. (These are available on the web if you image:google fish compatibility) Fish incompatibility can be more problematic than in proper tank care.

I bought this book and *The New Marine Aquarium: Step-By-Step Setup & Stocking Guide* by Michael S. Paletta in order to plan my new saltwater aquarium. The Paletta book is fantastic, up to date and is everything a beginner could want. The dummies book still pushes the undergravel filter as the best method for filtration. About a dozen websites that I checked disagree. That's my major problem with this book. Having read both books over the course of two nights, I was astounded by how little information you actually get from this book. No subject is given in enough detail, even for a beginner's book. You will see my copy on ebay soon.

I was very excited to start my aquarium and used this book to start, within a few weeks I found out by visiting stores that I was basically doing everything wrong. I went to buy an underwater filter and they laughed at me and told me that they haven't sold any since the 70's. They also fail to mention how important and easy to maintain live rock is. I didn't even get any until a very knowledgeable sales person mentioned it. This book mentions very little about it and even less of its importance. Overall the book is terrible, I am shopping for something new.

I bought this book for one reason. I wanted to start a marine aquarium but had absolutely no idea how to do it properly. I suppose I could have set out on my own just as the author did at one time. After reading this fine book, I can say with great certainty that my expensive salt water pets wouldn't have stood a chance. Nobody can include everything in one book. To be perfectly honest, I didn't want everything in one book. I wanted good coverage of all the basics necessary to be successful in this great hobby without being overwhelming. Recommend to anybody who is clueless when it comes to salt water aquariums.

I'm a new aquarist. I bought 8 marine aquarium books from . I consider this one of the top books of the group and easily the easiest to read with a nice balance of information versus technical discussion. Not perfect, but definitely the one that I ended up making up my list of things I still needed to do. Not overly technical, as many of the books are. Easy read. Author is as good at

writing as he is at being a marine biologist. Not perfect, but close. Could use some updating on lights and other areas, where the author either doesn't discuss the newest, better technology, or just barely covers it. I wish marine life discussions included color photos (instead of black and white drawings) and more pictures of different marine life. I'm already a big fan of the Dummies books and I always buy one when I'm trying to learn something new. This book is an excellent example of why everyone interested in new subject should by a Dummies book as part of their knowledge investigation.

I ordered this book having loved some other for dummies books. Thank goodness I ordered several other saltwater tank books. As I was picking through each of them I noticed that the for Dummies book contained information that completely contradicted the others! I was so angry at the wrong information in this book that I sent it back at a \$5.00 loss. I'm actually considering checking some of my other for dummies books for errors. Yes, the language is simpler than in other books, but the amount of wrong information is not worth the cost of the book. Buy this if you want to kill some fish.

This book makes saltwater aquariums seem easier than they actually are. For one, I don't even think the book mentions the use of reverse osmosis or deionized water, which is strongly recommended by all marine aquarists. The author also doesn't mention the importance of live rock. In fact, he goes as far to advise against using live rock for fish-only tanks! Sure, you might be able to get away with not using live rock, but it won't be worth it in the long run. Also, I don't agree with the list of recommended filter combinations. One more thing, the book lists an air stone as essential equipment, but the only thing an air stone will do is aid evaporation and cause salt creep! If you have enough movement of water at the surface, you should get sufficient gas exchange. There is, however, one thing the book does get right: its strong recommendation of using a protein skimmer. This book is easy to understand, but you won't be getting the best information.

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