Synopsis

A lavishly illustrated reference covering all aspects of keeping fish, the Encyclopedia of Aquarium & Pond Fish is the first book on the market to provide care and identification information on all types of fish for every possible environment, from indoor aquariums to outdoor ponds. The book contains a directory of over 800 of the most popular fish-freshwater, saltwater, coldwater, and tropical-showing not only what each fish looks like, but what food they eat, which species they can cohabit with, how big they grow, and much more.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I have many aquarium fish books in my home, this is my prize jewel. The books is almost 400 pages long and just full of great color photos of everything from fish to aquarium plants. The book also has lots of good useful information for all levels of aquarium owners. Real nice job done on this book, and it really was very affordable. This book is a must have for any aquarium owner.

This has been the best basic fish book I have found so far. I have many different ones (not specializing in a particular species of fish) and have found this really helpful. It even has a a list of symptoms that your fish may encounter during it’s life and lead you to a diagnosis and how to care for when it is sick with a simple table and pictures. I found this unique in the way it was set up and that no other book I’ve seen has that. The pictures are absolutely stunning and beautiful. It made me want to research further into species of fish I have never heard of before. It has many fish of pond, marine, and freshwater habitants, but also invertebres and plants. I highly recommend a beginning aquarist to the experienced aquarist to get this. It’s not the most technical book out there but it’s
such a good book to have on hand to reference at any time.

This is a fun picture book with only a little information on the fish breeds. It is an good place to start when looking for fish to fill your aquarium, but you will have to do additional research to make sure that your tank idea will work and that all the fish will be compatible. I enjoyed looking through here though to find fish that I enjoyed how they looked vs trying to find a large selection of fish in one spot on the internet. Be aware, while there is a section on marine fish, this is primarily a freshwater focused book. If you are looking for lots of ideas on marine animals, I would look elsewhere. Lots of freshwater fish though. I actually had to buy a second copy as well. My two year old loved looking through it so much that I bought her a copy of her own so that she wouldn't destroy mine. It got knocked a start to four stars due to the descriptions and information on each fish being minimal. There is also a large section at the start on "getting started" type information. While some beginners may appreciate that, this is an "encyclopedia" of fish. I would rather the space had been used to either flush out the descriptions/info more or add even more types of fish.

This book is also very helpful, we have three tanks & an outdoor pond the information covered everything we need to know, thanks

This book is great. I am considering an aquarium or pond and this book covers everything you could possible need to know. It will definitely come in handy when I finally decide whether I want a freshwater aquarium, saltwater aquarium, or pond. I would recommend this book to anyone.

Although it is nice to be able to use Google, there is something nice about opening a picture book for information. Type is not too small, pictures are great. Fast shipping!

This is a very nice book for beginner and intermediate fish hobbyists. While it does not contain extensive start up and maintenance information that other indoor tropical aquarium books offer it has enough basic information to make it a good reference guide none the less. What really makes this book a must have are the photographs and the detailed information regarding the start up and maintenance of pond fish. Approx. one quarter of the book is devoted to pond fish. Marine fish, invertebrates, and plants are also covered in great detail. Vivid colors and detailing allow one to get a true representation of what the species really looks like. Facts about the species of fish are pretty detailed and informative making it an ideal reference source. One cannot go wrong with this book.
Wish it had more in depth info on species. A few outdated statements like "under gravel filters are the most popular type of filtration" But, it's a DK book, so I knew it would have excellent illustrations and charts, and it does. Covers the basics very well.

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