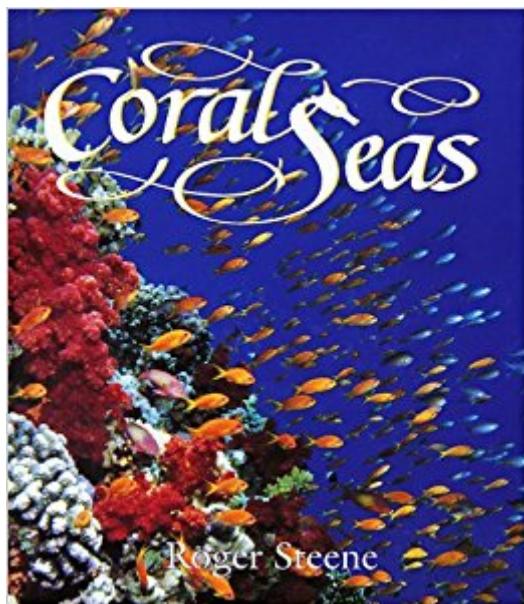


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## Coral Seas



## **Synopsis**

In this magnificent book, the day-to-day life of the world's coral reefs is played out before our eyes in stunning color. *Coral Seas* is a glowing testimony to the skill and patience of underwater photographer, Roger Steene. Each of the 340 full-color photographs demonstrates Steene's ability to capture the beauty of the world's coral seas, from incredible close-up shots of tiny animals and plants, to dramatic wide-angle photographs that capture the essence of the underwater world. Twenty-five of the organisms featured in the book are new to science, and their photographs are published here for the first time. Steene's work not only demonstrates his photographic skill, it illustrates his dedication to the world's coral reef environments. He likens these ecosystems to tropical rainforests but with more species of readily visible wildlife, and urges governments to take steps to preserve coral reefs without unnecessarily restricting public access to them. His love of the reefs becomes obvious through his images. The result of five years of intensive work in oceans around the world, *Coral Seas* will appeal to anyone with an interest in the environment, marine science, or simply beautiful photography.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Magnificent color photographs of the flora and fauna of the coral reef fill this large-format volume. Steene (*Coral Reefs: Nature's Richest Realm*, Crawford, 1990) is an experienced diver and underwater photographer who works with ichthyologists and marine biologists on Australia's Great Barrier Reef and elsewhere in the Pacific. An associate of the Australian Museum in Sydney and the

Western Australian Museum in Perth, he has had several new species named after him. His brief text discusses coral reef conservation, the hazards and rewards of diving, and technical details of photography. Readership for this book will include underwater photographers, scuba divers, and the general public interested in marine biology. An index would have been useful for locating photographs of specific organisms. For public and academic libraries with large collections in related areas. Judith Barnett, Pell Marine Science Lib., Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is an ambitious look at the immense variety of the life in oceans around the world. (Seattle Times 1999-12-05) This book is all about one man's astounding vision, and his ability to document the bizarre beauty and grandeur of Indo-Pacific reefs ... these photographs are a triumph of patience, talent and countless hours beneath the sea. (Stephen Fink Rodale Scuba Diving 2000-03-01) A blockbuster. ... Steene's remarkable and beautiful photographs break new ground. ... What a fine book to own! ([www.undercurrents.com](http://www.undercurrents.com))

I saw this at my daughter's. I found it "used" on . It is a fabulous. The pictures are glorious! The explanations good, but not overdone. If you enjoy the beauty of nature, you will just love this book, Coral Seas!

This book is a marvel just for the photos, but there is also clear, helpful text. It was exactly what I hoped for.

If you love underwater life and great photography, its a great book and you can get great prices here. Its a larger book so thats a double bonus. All color, cant imagine it wouldnt be.

Steene is a legend

Steene's photography is some of the best I've seen. I just received my copy of this book yesterday, and the pages are absolutely luminous with color. In terms of composition, artistic sensibility, and scientific interest, this book has to rank at the top of the field. I recommend it to anyone with an interest in South Pacific underwater photography.

One of the great photographers to rise out of David Doubilet's shadow is Roger Steene. I first saw

this book in the shop one day, and I thought it was fantastic. The price was very high (I buy in Swedish crowns but let's say that's about Åfâ ¤ 60.00! But I'd bought it and found it terrific!) I'd not heard of Steene before but he seems to be quite good. His photography is a little bit similar to David Doubilet's. Although he does not have the magic light of Doubilet, this is a huge book of 4 pounds and 340 photographs! So there is much to chose from. Often, photo books underwater is very beautifull, but after reading them, I think they are too short. You cannot have enough of these kinda photos. You always want more. This one isn't that short. It is so long that I can have full enjoyment of it. The photographs are taken from all over the world, but mostly from Indonesia. May be because the author lives in Australia, or may be because that is the most beautifull sea in the world. Over 20 animals have not even been named yet! So it is a treasure both for the naturalists, underwater photographers and may also for the scientists because of the species number covered. It is one of my favourite books and will highly recommend it. Here are some of the highlights : Red Coral crabs, small gobies, surgeonfishes, and not least the bristle worms.

Roger Steene is an Ausie and sometimes the way he describes marine life (in person) might seem a little over exaggerated. He told me about the octopi that imitated other marine animals, but I took the description with a grain of salt until I saw the actual photos in his new book "Coral Seas." It is simple fantastic. The full frame, macro shots of rare species photographed on beautiful, complimentary backgrounds show the special skills this man has for illustrating the wonderous living animals that live in the sea. Many people will never get to the distant places where Roger took the pictures or have the sharpness of eye nor the skill in finding these rare marine animals. Therefore this book is a must in everyone's library. Wilt Nelson

This is a must-have coffee table book for any sea life or aquarium enthusiast. It is packed with spectacular full-color photos of the many beautiful, unusual & fascinating creatures of the reef. A vast array of fish & invertebrates are included. Some of my favorites include a multicolored shore crab, bright red nudibranch & a translucent blue jellyfish. I also love the blue & white aeolid sea slug. The odd-looking weedy scorpionfish, fingered dragonet & snapping shrimps really grab your attention. The numerous corals & octopi are also a treat. All the images are clear & many give very close up looks at the organisms. Captions below give brief information on the creatures, such as defense methods, eating habits & mating rituals. Each is also identified by its both its Latin & common name. This is a gorgeous and informative book.

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