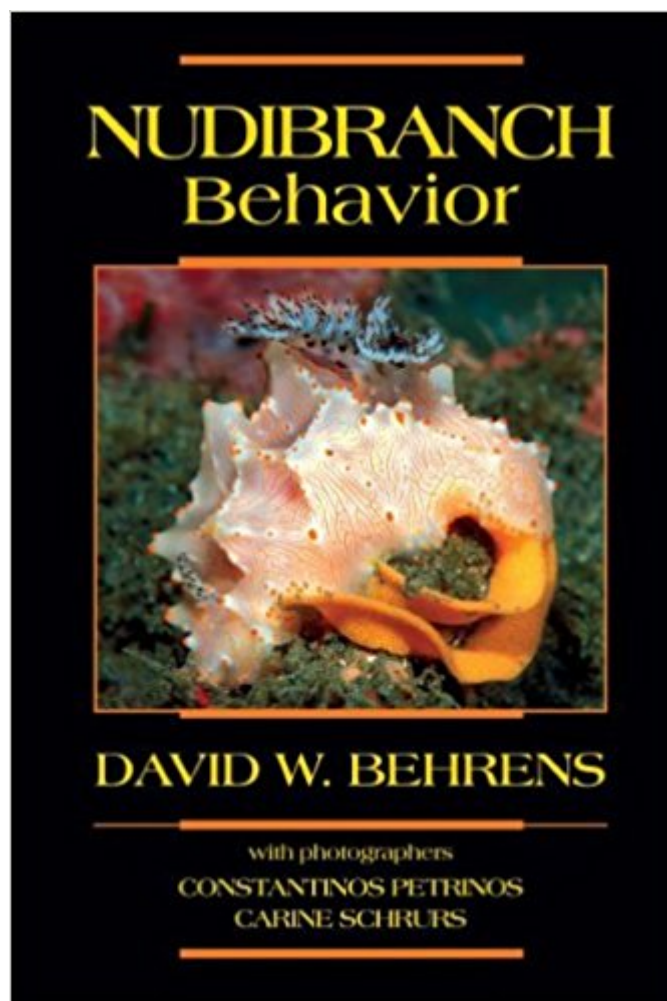




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Synopsis

Nudibranchs are among the most beautiful creatures on the reef, with colors and shapes that dazzle and delight. Unlike fish that may disappear before our eyes in a flash, the showy nudibranch glides slowly along the substrate, allowing us the time to savor this extraordinary sight. With their shell-less unprotected bodies how do they survive in seas filled with hungry mouths? How do these sightless creatures navigate the reefs to find food and mates? What and how do they eat? How do they reproduce? What special relationships have they developed with other reef inhabitants? These and many more questions are answered in this informative and lavishly illustrated new book. You will never look at nudibranchs the same way again.

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Customer Reviews

Veteran Diver and underwater photographer Dave Behrens has been practicing marine biology since 1974. Dave has become a household name for Nudibranch enthusiasts having authored 6 books and 80 scientific publications including 30 descriptions of nudibranchs new to science. He holds a master's degree from San Francisco State University and is a research associate at the California Academy of Sciences.

I bought this because it was on my daughter's pinterest Christmas wish list. My 18 year old daughter is a science fanatic, she especially loves anything to do with sealife and these little creatures are her favorites. So, I expected her to like it, but I was surprised when it was her favorite thing she got!!

She absolutely loved it!! She was so thrilled with it.

I would say that my rating is an average of 2 parts, depending on the nature and level of background of the prospective purchaser. For many divers and snorkelers, or just plain nature enthusiasts, I would give Dave Behrens's book four-and-a-half or even 5 stars, because it provides plenty of basic information about taxonomy, identification, feeding, reproduction, etc., in an attractive 'Humann-like' format with tons of outstanding photos. For someone interested in learning about opisthobranchs (nudibranchs and other sea slugs) without a lot of scientific pretentiousness, the book is probably exactly what you're looking for. The information is arranged in a way that allows you to absorb the basics in manageable bites. On the other hand, if you're fairly familiar with the subject and are looking for a thorough scientific treatment (Behrens is an experienced and accomplished scientist in this field), you will probably be disappointed, and for this audience I would rate the book with only 3 or three-and-a-half stars. I was personally disappointed, because if I compare this book with, for example, "Reef Fish Behavior" from the same publisher, also written for a non-scientific audience, the fish book has a lot more text than the sea slug volume. Or if I compare this book with, for example, Hanlon's more scientific "Cephalopod Behavior", then I can see clearly that Behrens's book is not really aimed at the same audience. The question for this audience (presumably the smaller part of the prospective audience), then, is whether the price is too high for a slim volume that although very attractively put together with excellent photographs, provides not much more insight than could be gained in a couple of hours of surfing sea slug sites on the internet. I enjoyed the book, but felt that it could have been more substantial. Note: I wrote this review when the book was selling on for full price. At the current price of \$23 it's a terrific value and I highly recommend it.

If you are interested in nudibranchs and polyclads this is well worth buying.

I have learned a lot by reading this book. I have learned to pay more attention to what the nudibranchs are doing having learned what the behaviour means. Who knew that such a seemingly lowly creature would have so much to teach us! I can't wait for my next dive trip to observe more nudi behaviour!

Another excellent book for my library

WE LIVE IN OKINAWA AND DIVE EVERYWHERE WE CAN ON THIS BEAUTIFUL ISLAND, WE

HAVE NUDIBRANCHES GALOR TO IDENTIFY, THIS BOOK IS TERRIFIC

It's a very good book for the Nudibranch lover ;-)

I bought this book, but ended up not really reading it - it read more like a text book than a quick pick up and look at book (like some of the other reference books about fish).

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