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This book covers over a thousand species but gives very little detail. Also, most of the plates are B&W which are not as helpful or pleasing as color plates. Buy it but don't spend much on it.

This item was just as it was described in the posting and I was very happy with the quality. Thanks!

The book is good, because I like fish. I am 7 years-old. I live in North Carolina and spend much time at the beaches and aquariums along the NC coast. The book offers nice illustrations and detailed descriptions of hundreds of fish.

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