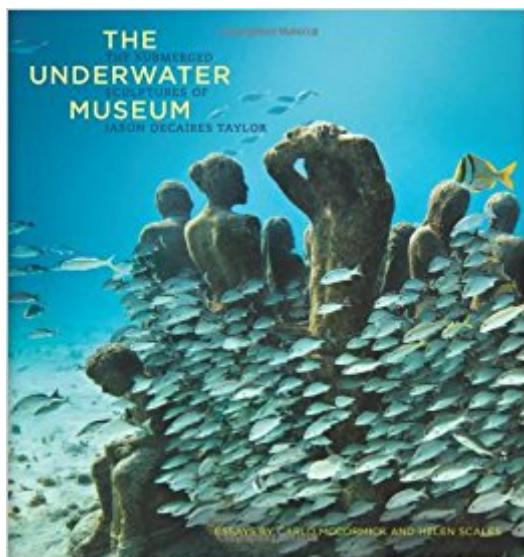


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Synopsis

A one-of-a-kind blend of art, nature, and conservation, The Underwater Museum re-creates an awe-inspiring dive into the dazzling under-ocean sculpture parks of artist Jason deCaires Taylor. Taylor casts his life-size statues from a special kind of cement that facilitates reef growth, and sinks them to the ocean floor. There, over time, the artworks attract corals, algae, and fish, and evolve into beautiful and surreal installations that are also living reefs. This volume brings readers face to face with these wonders and explains the science behind their creation. Ocean enthusiasts, divers, art lovers, and anyone entranced by the natural world will be instantly engrossed by this pearl of a book.

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Customer Reviews

Jason deCaires Taylor is an artist based in Mexico. Carlo McCormick is a New York-based art critic and senior editor. Helen Scales is a marine biologist based in Cambridge, England.

This book is magnificently done both in terms of design (interweaving of images and text) and the quality of resolution on the photography: even for those who haven't had the privilege to visit The Underwater Museum off of Cancun, Mexico (fortunately I have), the work Jason de Caires Taylor has done is compellingly beautiful not only first-hand but in print. For those who are drawn into the silent, evocative world of his art/science, his website has stunning video footage of the years-long effort to craft, install and then marvel at the progression of the sculptures into coral reefs to

countervail the degradation of other nearby coral reefs caused by irresponsible so-called 'eco-tourism' and massive littering/pollution of our planet's water resources.

The photographic quality, and patina of the books pages was poor. The small scale of the photographic images did not lend itself to the scale of the sculpture. The book seemed cramped and cheap and was not a good vehicle to transport the otherworldly images of Jason DeCaires Taylor to a visual audience.

I had read articles about the museum, but did not realize that there was a book available until recently. It is a great book -- wonderful photos -- and really great what they are trying to accomplish.

I've dove these dive sites and had to get this book for my coffee table. Put it on your bucket list to dive these areas and support this fabulous artist! Thank you Jason deCaires Taylor for all your work.

This was a gift for my daughter..... She loves it and has added a visit to the Underwater Museum to her "will do" list

This is almost unbelievable. This book tells us that its not. Awesome pictures. Needs to be in every diver's collection of underwater images.

Very interesting & well written

Love this book. Imagery is absolutely beautiful. A lovely coffee table book.

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