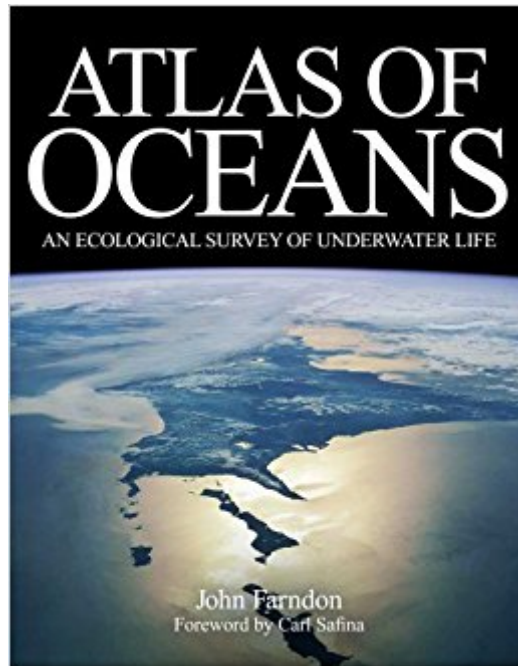




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Atlas Of Oceans: An Ecological Survey Of Underwater Life



Synopsis

A tragedy is playing out beneath the surface of the world's bodies of marine waters, one that began long before the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Although many books have explored the environmental problems being faced on land, *Atlas of Oceans* is the first book for a general audience that examines how creatures of the marine environment are if anything more vulnerable than their land-based counterparts. Readers are introduced to the dazzling, diverse array of creatures that inhabit the oceans and seas, and to the nature of the problems they face. Special features focus on the threats to particular animals, plants, and habitats, as well as on specific issues like overfishing, global warming, and pollution. The book also includes success stories, recommendations for what can be done to preserve ocean ecosystems, and a complete rundown of the most endangered species of marine life. Beautifully illustrated, packed with maps and diagrams, and containing up-to-the-minute data on the status of endangered marine species, *Atlas of Oceans* is a celebration of Earth's vibrant and awe-inspiring oceans and seas and an urgent call to action to protect one of our planet's most vital resources.

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Its most important virtue is the writing: clear, succinct and absorbing. It has something rare in a reference book: a voice. John Farndon tells a good story, he doesn't mince words in his conclusions, and he's not afraid to be funny..." —Bill Kowinski, North Coast Journal (Bill Kowinski North Coast Journal) —with good writing and photos, this book repays the time (and

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John Farndon studied earth sciences at Cambridge University and has written more than 300 reference and general interest books for children and adults, including How the Earth Works, Amazing Planet Earth, Natural World, China Rises, India Booms, 365: Modern History, The Universe Explained, and 101 Facts You Should Know about Food. His books have been translated into most major languages, and he has been shortlisted four times for the Royal Society Prize for Science Books. He lives in London.

Great, and it arrived fast.

"Atlas of Oceans" is an excellent introduction to the geography and inhabitants of the world's oceans. I have read several books about the world's oceans and this one is one of the more recent and up to date. There is a strong emphasis on how humans are affecting the various eco-systems and what we need to do to save them. It also introduces you to many of the plants and animals that live in the oceans. "Atlas of Oceans" is one of the best books I have read about ocean life.

Maybe because of the natural and man made disasters going on recently I have been on a nature kick recently and this is one of the best books on the topic of oceans I have seen in a while. Don't laugh - but this book "Atlas of Oceans: An Ecological Survey of Underwater Life" reminded me of the scene in the movie "Soylent Green" where Charlton Heston finds that luxurious book called "Soylent Oceanographic Survey Report, 2015 to 2019" and kind of made me want to buy it because of that connection because it does seem like we are living on the cusp of a "soylent green" future and this book will serve to remind me how it used to be.

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