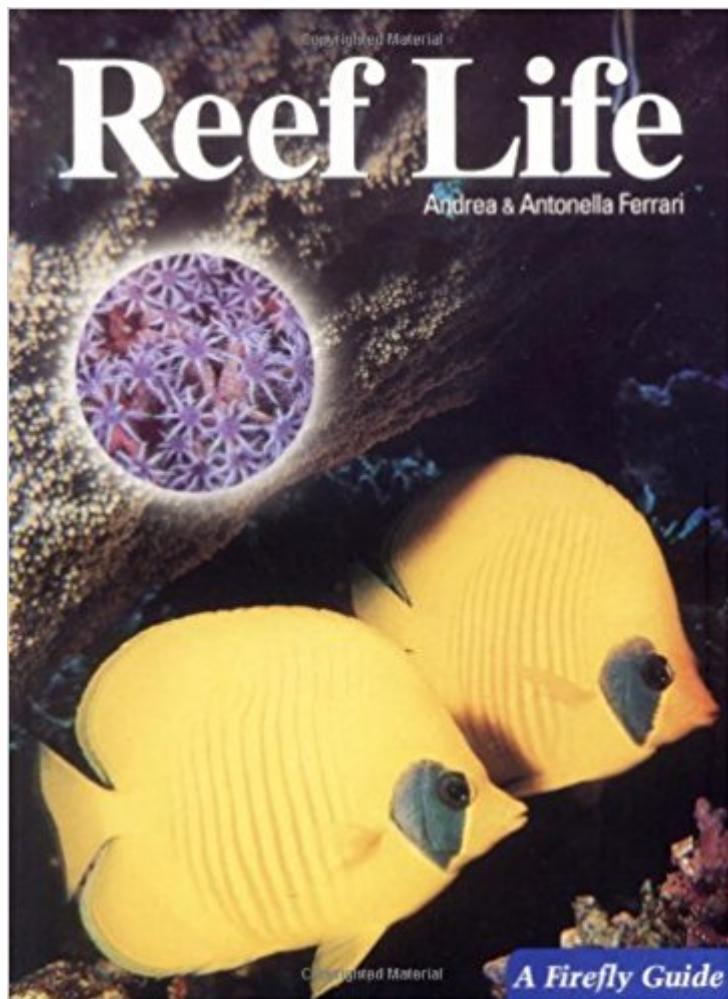


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Reef Life (A Firefly Guide)



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Nowhere on earth is there a more beautiful and more abundant life than that which exists on the coral reefs just below the surface of the ocean. *Reef Life* is filled with information and images that brings order to the multitude of living things that exist here and allows the reader to appreciate the diversity and the richness of the world under the sea. This handy guidebook will prove invaluable to the diver, tourist, student and naturalist. Each species of plant and animal is covered in detail: name, species, habitat, food, range, and a thorough description is provided for each entry. More than 400 species are covered and illustrated with 500 color photographs to provide a comprehensive look at this most magnificent world. This is an ideal book for anyone interested in marine life. It provides up-to-date information, clear color photographs in a handy format for use in the field or at a desk. Readers who need essential facts quickly will be pleased with the orderly presentation of information, the completeness of the entries and the accuracy of the information. The color photographs help in identifying species as well as providing a visual reference for the information presented. *Reef Life* is an ideal guide and reference for all levels of interest from school project to professional divers.

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A good, sound, easily understood and reasonably well illustrated field guide to the intricacies of coral reef tropical marine life. Basically aimed at the non-specialist reader, this guide features nonetheless very clear texts and excellent color photos, but the number of worldwide species featured is quite limited. For a much more in-depth, photo-packed and complete field guide to coral reef marine life worldwide, advanced readers, divers, snorkellers and underwater photographers should seriously consider the latest offerings by this well respected author/photographer husband-and-wife team, such as the spectacularly illustrated A Diver's Guide to *Reef Life*, the highly specialized A Diver's Guide to *Underwater Malaysia Macrolife* A and the truly informative A Diver's Guide to *The Art of Underwater Photography, Creative Techniques and Camera Systems for Digital and Film*.

Reef Life is a field guide to reef dwellers and other ocean creatures by Andrea Ferrari. The photographs are both stellar and stunning, providing easy identification. The descriptions of the species listings are thorough, and very informative. A variety of invertebrates, fishes, Eels, and mollusks are covered. Dozens of species of: triggerfish, pufferfish, squirrelfish, butterflyfish, and other invertebrates are inserted into the text. I prefer this over the Audubon Guides for a single reason. Pufferfish are my all time favorite creatures, and *Reef Life* does this little known fish family

justice. Many species of puffers are shown and described, including: Oceanic puffers, Starry puffers, Porcupinefish, Northern puffers, and last but not least, the giant Map Pufferfish. This is not all for the worshippers of other species, however. There are ocean creatures for everyone to marvel at here. The binding of this guide is high quality cardboard. Paperback would have worn out within weeks of use. The illustration on the cover seems to be different, with a photo of a butterflyfish instead of a clown trigger. One of the best deals on the market.

Andrea & Antonella Ferrari's *Reef Life* provides a comprehensive guide to 400 species which live in the world's coral reefs. Packed with color photos on every page, this is a 'must have' reference for any seeking a definitive yet affordable pocket guide.

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