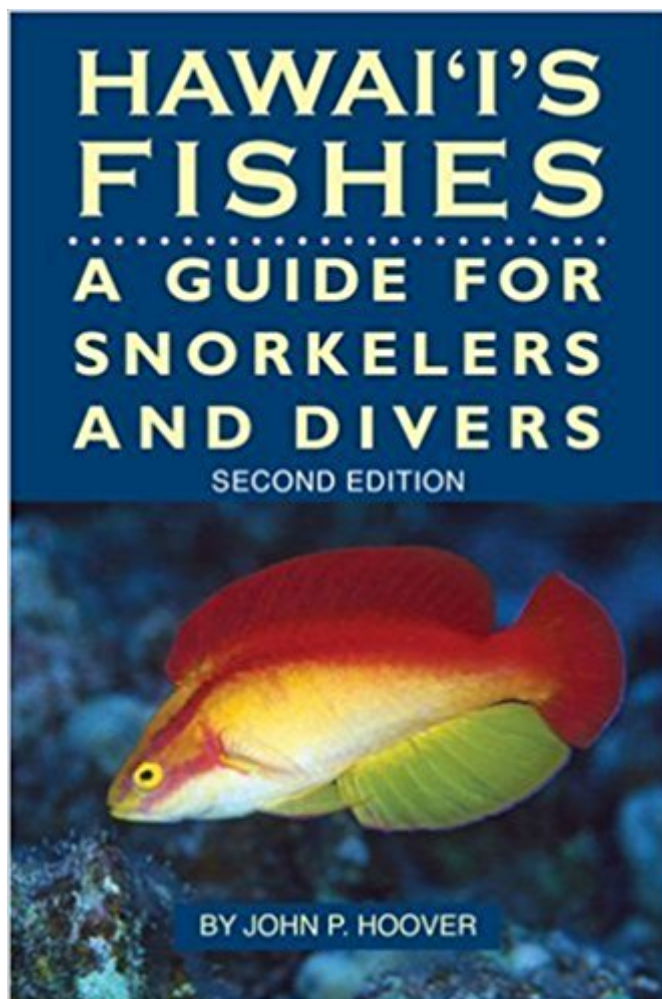




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Synopsis

Underwater photographs and informative descriptions of over 240 species, including classification, evolution, and best locations to spot them.

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Customer Reviews

This little book is bursting at the seams with good, solid information.... Some of the photos will leave you gasping in disbelief--surely no fish could be so vivid!

All in all, it's hard to imagine more useful information in such a small book, and useful to both residents and visitors alike.... The color printing is gorgeous. How Mutual Publishing can deliver this much color at the price is a mystery.

If you are going to snorkel in Hawaii and you want to be able to identify the fish you see this book is basically all you will need. There is a brief intro highlighting some top snorkeling locations on each island, and then the remainder of the book is devoted to identification. The book is neither dry nor rambling; it's gets down to the business of identifying, describing, and admiring without delay. That said, the tone is congenial and personable and descriptions have an amiable conversational feel. A word of caution, though. Unlike many of the birder and similar books I've seen this book is not set up to lead the reader to an identification by process of elimination. You don't start with size, then shape, then color, then distinguishing features, (or a similar scheme), on your way to an

identification. Rather, the book is set up with a chapter on each genus, with a variety of species addressed in each chapter. So, we start with "Angelfishes", and then identify the Bandit, Fisher's, Flame, Potter's, and Masked Angelfish. After that we move to Barracudas, Bigeyes, Blennies, and so on. What that means is that for any particular fish that you see or photograph you have to have a general idea of which chapter to start with. That's not as hard as it sounds since once you've paged through the book once or twice you'll have a good general sense of what there is to see, and a sense of whether something might be a puffer fish or a surgeon fish. Once you narrow down the search to the proper chapter you will be in good shape. Every fish description is accompanied by a sharp, full color closeup photo with dimensions around 2.5" x 3". There is a detailed text description of the fish's physical characteristics and then a bit about the habits, history, or other distinguishing features of the fish. So, with about 250 species represented this book proved to be a thorough and entertaining reference. After seven days of snorkeling a variety of beaches we found that almost everything we saw was identified in this book. Can't ask for much more than that.

If you want to identify the fish you see in Hawaii, this is the book to have. In fact, Hoover has a number of marine life guides out and they are all worth checking out. If you see a fish while diving or snorkeling in Hawaii....it's in there. The photographs are colorful and I love the way there are multiple photos for differences in sex or juveniles and adults. If you are doing any research on Hawaiian fish (as I often do in my line of work as an author), you will also need to have a copy this book. Hoover includes general information about each group and then describes each fish in detail. There is information about identification characteristics, anatomical features, feeding habits and he lets you know which species are endemic. Did you know that 25% of the fish you see in Hawaii are endemic. That means that you won't see them anywhere else in the world! This is a great guide to take on your trip to Hawaii! I highly recommend this book! This book is also a great reference for getting the right colors in children's coloring books like: *The Complete Hawaiian Reef Fish Coloring Book*, and *Coral Reef Coloring Book* (Nature encyclopedia Series)

Received quickly!!!GREAT BOOK!!!

I bought this book for use when we went to Hawaii for our snorkel and scuba excursions. Well illustrated and durable enough for a dive bag or back pack. If you don't know the marine life around Hawaii and are new to the watersports, this is an excellent reference for identifying the species you may run across.

Very informative. Each fish has a picture and a couple paragraph description

Hoover's books are considered a diver's "bible" and all of the divers in Hawaii swear by them. Great book, makes the fish simple to identify.

great book!

It's a great book. Photos could be better though.

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