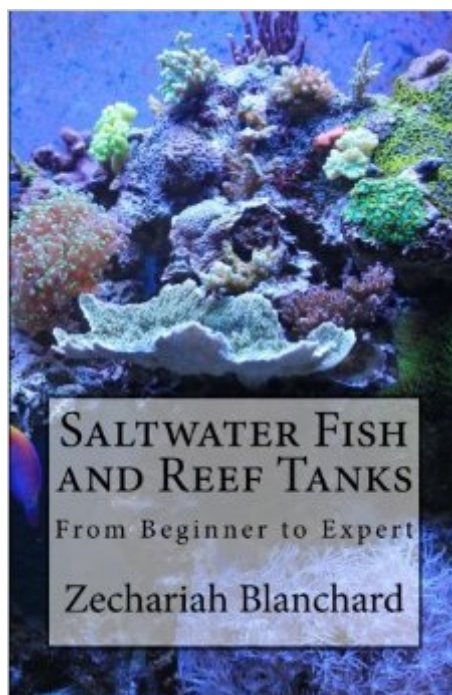


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# Saltwater Fish And Reef Tanks: From Beginner To Expert



## Synopsis

Saltwater Fish and Reef Tanks is the premier source of information for new and experienced saltwater aquarium owners. If you want a happy, stable, colorful, and healthy saltwater fish tank, you need to read this book. The author is a long-time reef enthusiast who started his first saltwater aquarium setup nearly fifteen years ago. Mr. Blanchard is also a past store owner. Whether you're looking to setup a saltwater reef or a fish only tank, this book was written as an explanation and road-map to success in caring for your aquarium equipment, fish, corals, and invertebrates. Neil Barnhart called Saltwater Fish and Reef Tanks, "a must have for anyone interested in starting in the hobby," and went on to say he'd been "in the hobby for 5 years now" and can "finally understand things" he was "embarrassed to ask the store guy." David S. said it is, "Right to the point essential information" and went on to call it, "A must have reference that will make the hobby experience a lot more enjoyable." Matt Brown said, "great tool to use", "The tables within it are extremely useful", and "I can't think of another book that was as easy and enjoyable to read." Blaine Hatton said, "it took many mistakes to learn what this book explains. I would recommend it to anyone that is interested in beginning a saltwater aquarium." It "will help save you a lot of headaches and probably lots of money." Bo Garrett said it provides "motivation and inspiration" and it has "an unbelievable amount of information." Mr. Blanchard walks the reader through the process of owning a saltwater aquarium setup from the perspective of a beginner. Starting with his first reef tank experience, and ending with a chapter on responsible reef-keeping, the reader is offered a vast amount of information that usually costs the aquarist quite a bit of time and money to obtain; the precise reason most hobbyists give up "within the first year - on owning a beautiful saltwater aquarium. Not only is almost every aspect of owning your first saltwater fish tank in this book, but Zechariah explains it in an easy-to-understand conversational-tone. The reader is encouraged to make copies of tables provided in the book and use them for maintenance logs, testing logs, and aquarium cost calculations. There is an extensive amount of information about the cycling period, water parameters and testing, necessary equipment, picking healthy livestock, acclimation of livestock, coral coloration, and lots more information on saltwater aquariums. If you are new to the saltwater aquarium hobby, or just want to brush up on what you've learned about reef tanks over the years, Saltwater Fish and Reef Tanks is the right book for you! Topics: Before the Decision to Buy Deciding on Tank Size The Aquarium Cycle and Biological Filtration Setup Checklist Bringing Home Livestock Acclimating Livestock Feeding the Aquarium Maintaining Your Tank Water Testing Log Sheet General Maintenance Log Sheet Specifics on Water and Water Quality Salts Selecting

Healthy Livestock Refugiums and Filtration How to Move an Existing Tank Using Local Markets to Save Money Marine Ich and Your Tank Do I Need Invertebrates? Responsible Reef-Keeping and so much more! This is your moment. Make it the turning point for your saltwater aquarium setup. Get a copy right now to see for yourself how Saltwater Fish and Reef Tanks can help you!

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## Customer Reviews

I'm a new marine aquarist. I bought 8 books on , including this one. This definitely isn't the "one" book you should have. The author is incredibly knowledgeable, but the book is poorly organized, poorly written and unedited. Not many typos, it's just that almost none of the information is presented in form that makes it easy to learn. Seems like a lot of the information was just taken from PowerPoint slides, which it might have been since the author used to teach marine aquarium classes. Author frequently jumps right into a subject without introducing the subject, or introducing it appropriately. He repeats the same information over and over, oftentimes just a paragraph or two later, sometimes in multiple chapters. Definitions are often presented chapters later than when the term was first used. It's obvious this is a self-published book and the author wrote it over a long period of time, with large breaks in writing, and then he didn't re-read the whole thing to remove the redundancy. A few times the suggestions are conflicting, such as he tells you how to add new marine life to your aquarium in a day, and then in a later chapter says never to introduce new marine life without quarantining it for a week plus. With that said, I'm glad I got the book and I do recommend it to any new aquarist. It has lots of commonsense advice that I didn't find in any other book. His was the only book that talked about how to move a large aquarium (boy, I wish I had read that a few days ago). He discussed the refugium the best. He has concise tables on the chemical

values you need to be looking for depending on your type of tank (most of the other books discuss each chemical in detail but don't summarize in the end). His is the only book that warns that salt creep can lead to fires (over and over). His is the only that talks about making sure you have drip loops on your electrical, coral dips, an entire chapter on ich sickness, etc. and so on. The author is very knowledgeable and has very good intent, and shares a lot, but the poor organization and zero editing makes this book more of a add-on to your marine book library than a central one.

At this point in time I would consider myself an expert aquarist. It has taken a lot of time, trial and error, and heartbreak to reach this level. This book would have saved me a lot of troubles if I had it when I first started in the reefing hobby. It's very informative and breaks the hobby down in a very simplistic manner that anyone can understand. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in keeping a reef aquarium and even for those who have the experience but would like a refresher.

From Beginner - yes, to Expert - NO. This book covers the basics you need to know about taking care of a saltwater tank including refugiums and skimmers but in no way does it go into expert information. I wanted a book to give me more detailed information on water quality and chemical additives. Also various corals and fish care but only the basics.

It's like someone googled saltwater aquariums, cut and pasted a bunch of stuff, blew it up to a huge font size, double spaced it to stretch even further, and published it without even looking at it. It's not a real book, there are no sources, no details, it is literally just one guys opinion. I don't think I would even recommend this "book" to a beginner. Take your \$10 and get a real book that someone at least bothered to spell check.

This is a nice book, but don't believe it when they say "From Beginner to Expert." This is in no way a comprehensive guide to beginning a saltwater tank. Good information, but I wish I hadn't paid full price. Also the printing on the binding is skewed and doesn't line up. The whole thing just looks cheap.

I read this book in an hour. I would say the subtitle "from beginner to expert" is a stretch. This is a good intro for beginners.

I thought the book was excellent, especially for beginners. I have had saltwater aquariums for years and it took many mistakes to learn what this book explains. I would recommend it to anyone that is interested in beginning a saltwater aquarium because it is very helpful and will help save you a lot of headaches (believe me, things can get really bad) and probably lots of money. This book is also very helpful to even veteran saltwater aquarium enthusiasts, such as myself, because it gives tips that one might not think about. This book inspired me to finally start my refugium! I give this book 5/5 stars and highly recommend it to all who are interested in creating their own saltwater ecosystem!

This is a self-published book which is good for beginners thinking about setting up a salt water tank. Anyone who has been through the process already will probably not gain a lot from reading the book, as they will already have picked up most of the information from other sources. Author should really have run through a spell checker and had someone review the grammar before publishing though, and spent more time on the diagrams.

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