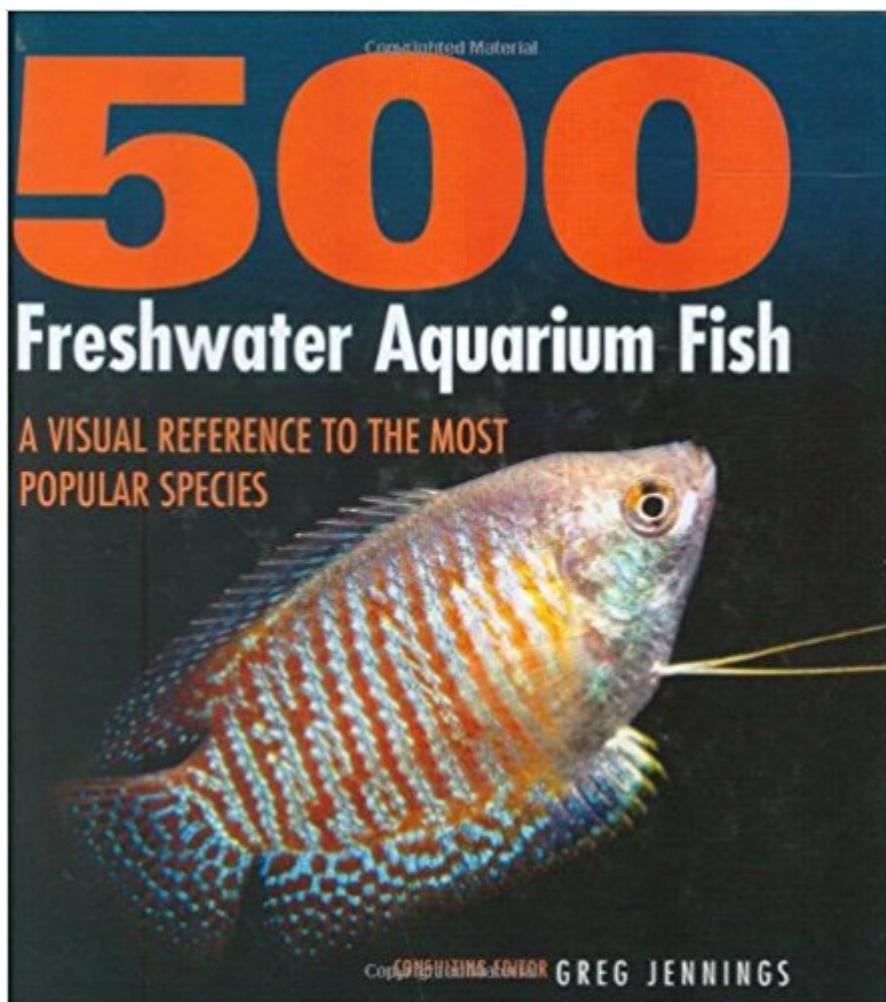


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500 Freshwater Aquarium Fish: A Visual Reference To The Most Popular Species



Synopsis

Expert advice on freshwater aquarium fish. Illustrated in full color, this comprehensive reference includes 500 of the most popular freshwater aquarium fish. It provides concise at-a-glance information on their behavior, diet and breeding, along with a recommended aquarium setup. Practical and well organized, this book is tailored to the needs of a wide range of freshwater-aquarium hobbyists. A key decision for the aquarium owner, and also one of the most fun to make, is choosing the fish for a tank. 500 Freshwater Aquarium Fish is a "window shopping" trip, with an expert alongside to offer crucial advice. This thorough directory details every appropriate species. While most of the fish featured require a heated aquarium, there are other popular varieties, such as goldfish, that can be kept in an unheated one. With more than 500 color photographs, the book is organized by major fish groups, among them: Cichlids, including angelfish and discus Catfish Cyprinids, including barbs, danios, koi and goldfish Characoids, including tetras, neons and piranhas Oaches and suckers Gouramis, including bettas, paradise fish and snakeheads Rainbow fish and blue-eyes Livebearers, including mollies and platies. This comprehensive and useful reference, edited by a highly respected expert, will be welcomed by amateur fishkeepers of any age and expertise.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great reference text for some common species as well as the unknown ones; especially if you want a quick reference of a variety of species to create a "species" or "community" tank this book will be helpful in decision making. The book gives good details regarding the expected size of the fish, general behavior and environment just to name a few. The photos contained within the text

are well detailed. I would recommend this book to beginners and intermediate aquarists.

Yes, there's probably every bit of 500 fish in this book, but it still lacks on a few of the more common species. It is also a little too vague on descriptions. There is a 4 page spread on Discus and Oscars, but that's not really necessary when all the other fish are given one page with one sentence descriptions. It's still nifty to have at home, but if you want to see how the fish are going to cohabitate with your other tank mates, this is not your book.

The same format graces Greg Jennings' 500 FRESHWATER AQUARIUM FISH: A VISUAL REFERENCE TO THE MOST POPULAR SPECIES. Over 500 species and varieties are covered with basic facts on size, behavior, diet, aquarium and breeding conditions accompanying a full-color, full-page facing photo. Any home or library collection strong in aquarium references - and many a fish store - will find this packed with in-depth detail perfect for setting up an aquarium.

This book is very compact and the images of good quality. It is a lot smaller than I expected, though. Each page features one fish variety, with a photo and some basic info. The amount of information that fits onto such a tiny page is very limited. Despite the small size, the book is hardcover, thick and heavy and does not qualify as a pocket guide. I don't quite get what the idea was here : it is neither pocketguide, nor large glossy reference/ coffee table book. If I had actually seen the book before purchase, I would not have bought it...

I have been searching high and low for a book on only freshwater fish, and here it is! the information is valuable, the pictures are great, and they have a ton of fish in it! I havent found a book in any store that even compares to this. I highly reccomend it to anyone that owns, or wants to own, freshwater fish!

This book has 500 of the most common freshwater aquarium fish species. It provides a basic description of each species and their care parameters. Pros: Pictures are good. Enough information to get by with keeping fish. Cons: The most clunky feeling book I have ever had/read, 7"x7"x2". Parameters are repeating and not very individualized. All the information in this book can be easily found by browsing a few online stock lists.

Good quick reference for the fresh water aquarist looking for a portable guide. This is mainly a guide

to fish species and has very little information concerning tanks, filtration, etc... Information on temperament and other important traits is sufficient to help the aquarist make intelligent choices for tankmates. I would have given it 5 stars but the book was not exactly what I was expecting in the way of the amount of information, but again, as a portable quick reference it is very good.

Greg Jennings' '500 Freshwater Aquarium Fish' is a substantial introduction to the common varieties of freshwater and brackish aquarium fishes. It is easy to navigate, with an intuitive layout and generous photography throughout. Husbandry information is truncated and generally somewhat brief, but sufficient to get the reader started in a direction of research. The book is conveniently divided between the common groups (cichlids, catfish, characiformes [tetras, essentially], cyprinids [barbs, danios, carp, and their allies], loaches, and oddball/brackish species). Generally the text is clear when taxonomy of a fish is in flux, which is a good idea in such a large group that is undergoing constant formal description. This is not a physically large book, though it is fairly thick. The pages have a nice matte finish and stock to them, making the book a pleasure to read. A great jumping off point for a new or seasoned hobbyist.

Pros:- Plentiful photographs- Text does a good job of informing the reader on particularly large or difficult species - good for encouraging proper husbandry and humane conditions for the fish.-Each fish has a nice blurb on its general info- Convenient glossary and visual aides for fish anatomy and terminology.- Text is clear and concise without being wordy.

Cons:- Some species have either mismatched or completely absent photographs (Everglades pygmy sunfish is swapped with Tanganyika Pearl Killi, the golden trahira is inaccurately represented by a flagtail prochilodus photo, etc) so doing a Google search to confirm appearance may be safe). I am not sure if this has been fixed in future editions, so 'caveat emptor'.- Some habitat information appears rather cut and paste in content, though many of these fish appear in nature together, so it is not outside the realm of possibility.-Some species are pictured as juveniles, and while in some it is justified (iridescent shark for example - almost never encountered as an adult), it doesn't offer the reader a full representation of the adult coloration, which can differ considerably. This issue is most prominent in the cichlid section, and though it is not a significant con, it could steer a hobbyist away from certain splendidly colorful species.

As a long time fishkeeper (20 yrs), this book is a great addition to the hobbyist library.

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