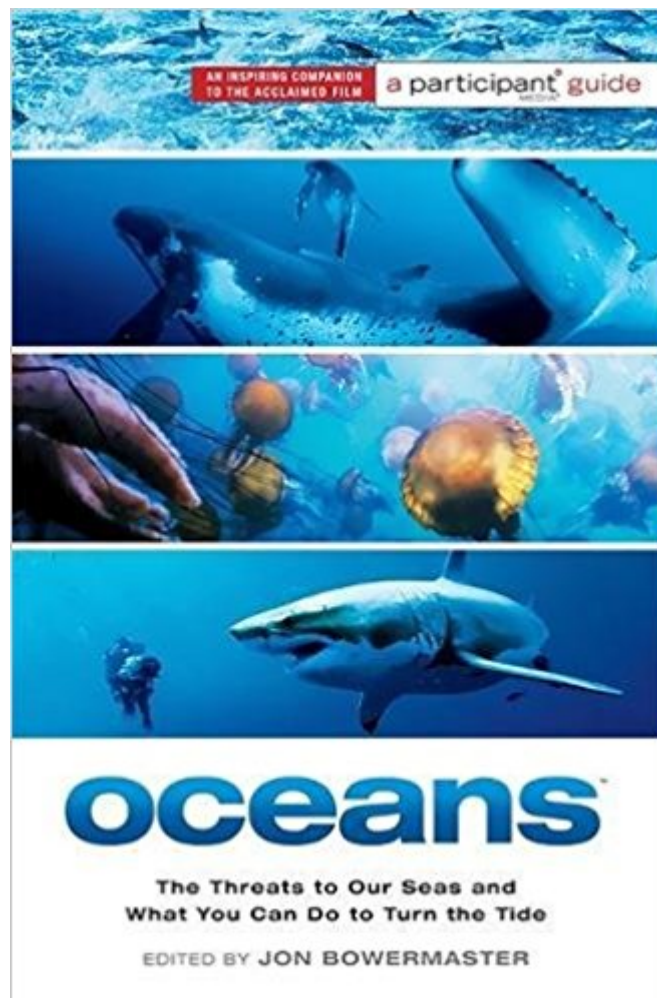




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Oceans: The Threats To Our Seas And What You Can Do To Turn The Tide (Participant Guide)



Synopsis

This unique tie-in to the major motion picture *Oceans*—coming this April from Disney & National Geographic—explores the health of our oceans, and what we can do to improve it. More than 75 percent of the globe is covered by the oceans. It is sometimes difficult to understand why it is called Planet Earth rather than Planet Ocean. Since half the world's human population lives within a stone's throw of an ocean coastline, the oceans' health is increasingly important. Rich with resources and potential—as a source of renewable energy, new drugs, drinking water—for years we have treated them as both infinite and undamageable. But they are not. Over-fishing, climate change, pollution, acidification, and more have put the world's oceans and marine life at great risk. *Oceans* gathers some of the most insightful visionaries, explorers, and ocean lovers—marine biologists, politicians, environmentalists, fishermen, sportsmen, deep divers, and more—in a unique anthology, in which each speaks to a unique aspect of our world's most dimly understood dimension.

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Customer Reviews

In this companion to the Disney movie *Oceans*, released in April 2010, the editor candidly writes that jolting readers into environmental activism is his purpose. Credible for this task due to his stature as a documentary film producer and author (*Birthplace of the Winds*, 2001), Bowermaster enlisted dozens of contributors who, in several pages apiece, address particular environmental

problems of the oceans. Equal in their advocacy of urgency, they are quite unequal in expository quality. Renowned for his works on marine biology, writer Richard Ellis observes the plight of bluefin tuna with his usual cogency and depth; alas, actor Leonardo DiCaprio's superficial save-the-planet thoughts barely buoy a sentence, let alone a paragraph. Between their extremes of compositional ability range most of Bowermaster's recruits. Some are professional oceanographers; others are nonscientific activists who express their advocacy in avocations for rowing, sailing, swimming, or fishing; one battler accosts Japanese whalers on the high seas; and one advances the blue agenda as administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Bowermaster concludes with contact information to environmental organizations for motivated readers. --Gilbert Taylor

Jon Bowermaster is a filmmaker and the author of ten books. A six-time grantee of the National Geographic Expeditions Council, his 2007-2008 Antarctic expedition was the final in his OCEANS 8 project, which over the past decade has taken him and his teams around the world by sea kayak. When not on the sea, Bowermaster lives in Stone Ridge, New York.

This is one of the best purchases I've made book-wise. It arrived completely covered in bubble wrap and in perfect condition. The works published in this book are extremely interesting and talk about extremely important problems that the oceans are facing, while providing the readers with information that they can use in order to help their marine environment. P.S: Leo DiCaprio contributed to this guys.

It was a good book, very subtle and makes me feel on how we must protect the oceans

Great book!

Thirty-one essays by as many authors in 300 pages. A bargain for the price. This is a very entertaining book as well as being informative. The authors are all experts in their respective fields and darned good writers too. You will enjoy the many different approaches to the general topic of "oceans" and their inhabitants and learn a lot too. This book has avoided (mostly) the all-too common hectoring style of writers who have an agenda and try to make their readers feel guilty for matters beyond their control. It's a book to keep handy to dip into when you have a few minutes to spare. Strongly recommended for all ages from teenagers and up.

Very informative concise collection of essays of more than 28 experts on oceans and the environment. Was a useful read of essays of just the right length. This is a great book for anyone who wants to understand more about how oceans are being destroyed and fish killed and what we can do to protect it or make it better.

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