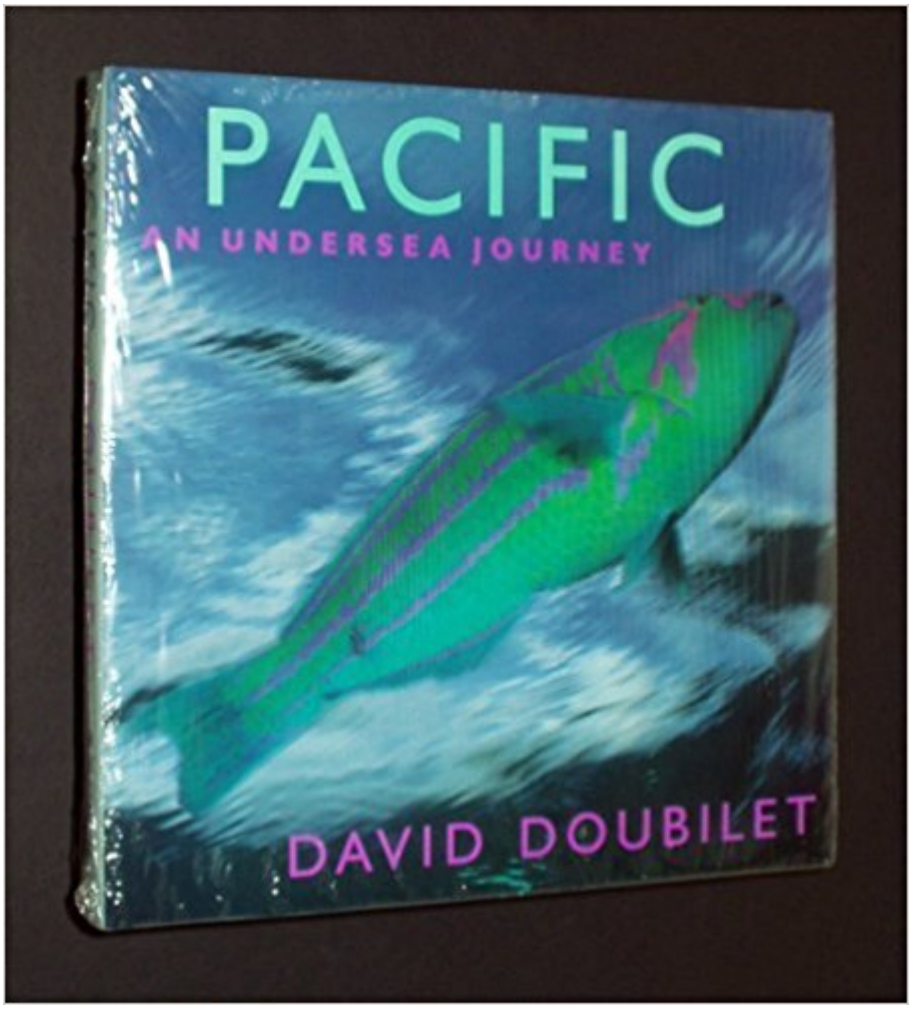
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From space, the Pacific dominates our planet - it is an ocean so vast that it makes islands out of continents. Beneath its surface lie a series of underwater kingdoms, populated by creatures as different and diverse as those on land. This book is an undersea expedition through this magnificant realm, beginning off the California coast and travelling up to British Columbia before turning outward to the Hawaiian islands, the Galapagos and Palau. The book explores the sheer submarine cliffs of Japan’s Suruga Bay at Izu Penninsula and then captures the eerie remnants of World War II battles that took place in the waters of the southwest Pacific, the most diverse coral paradise in the world. Continuing southwards, the book looks at Australia’s Great Barrier Reef and Lord Howe Island. The journey ends in the temperate waters of New Zealand. Included in the book are information essays about each region, filled with anecdotes and adventures that give voice to the otherworld beauty of the Pacific.

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On assignments for National Geographic , Doubilet (Light in the Sea) has journeyed across, around and above the Pacific Ocean. Here, he takes us on an underwater tour from the North Pacific near Vancouver to the ocean’s southern limits in New Zealand, from Japan to the Great Barrier Reef and islands in between. The text recording his adventures is overshadowed by his stunning photographs. In 144 color images we see the kelp forests of California’s Monterey Bay, sea lions at play in the Galapagos, the remnants of WW II in the Solomons and Papua New Guinea

(Doubilet discovered equal-sized piles of Coca-Cola cans and antiaircraft shells north of Guadalcanal). He takes his readers on dives in the Palau chain, caves in New Zealand, vast coral fields in New Guinea. Doubilet describes the Great Barrier Reef as an oceanic wilderness. Readers who enjoy diving, travel and adventure will treasure this book. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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