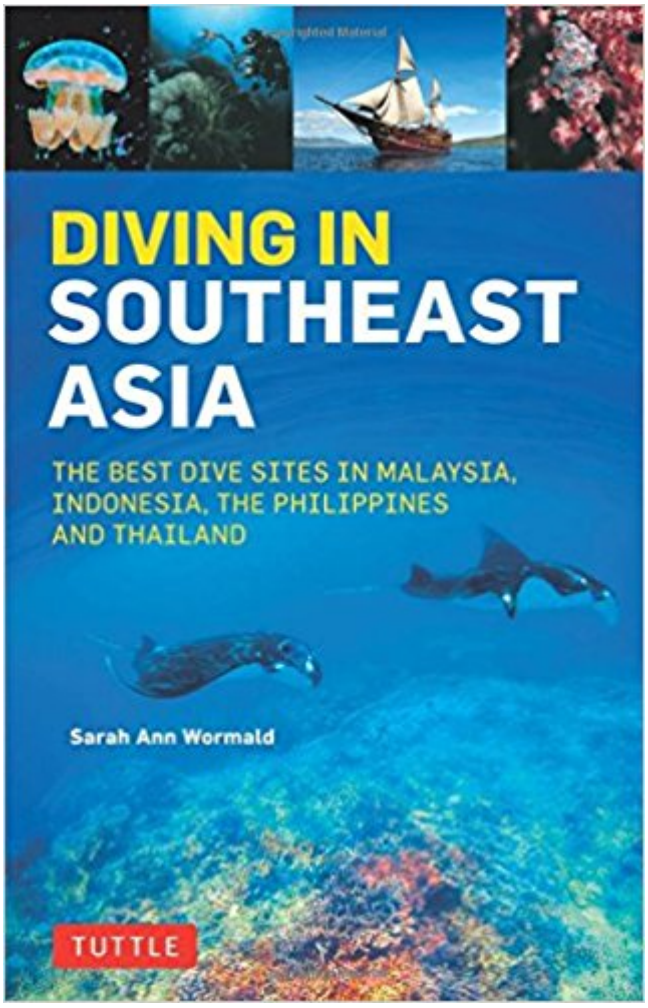
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Synopsis

WellÃ¢â ¬â œtravelled divers all acknowledge that the best diving in the world is found in the warm waters of tropical Asia.No other region on earth presents such a rich variety of marine life, and none can boast as many different types of dive sites: tiny, isolated atolls, World War II wrecks draped in beautiful soft corals, shallow, bommieÃ¢â ¬â œfilled fringing reefs and pinnacles, all swarming with fish and vibrant color.Diving in Southeast Asia is a comprehensive diving guide covering Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand. It presents in great detail the very best dive sites in the tropical western Pacific. Our seasoned diverÃ¢â ¬â œauthors have an aggregate halfÃ¢â ¬â œcentury of experience exploring these waters, and each site receives thorough coverage, including detailed maps, color photos, and a full description of access, conditions, and facilities. This Southeast Asia diving guide features:Practicalities: Detailed travel information for every budget, including accommodations, transportation, prices, seasons, and dive operators.Information: Local history, diving lore, site conditions, and more than 50 maps.Photography: More than 100 color photographs by top photographers.

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"If you’re serious about diving in Southeast Asia, then this guide will give you a wealth of countryÃ¢â ¬â •and region maps, as well as ample details on the underwater topography and marine life you can expect to see." Ã¢â ¬â •Indie Traveller"Useful essays on local liveaboards and marine life offer some excellent insights and 25 per cent of the book is dedicated to practicalities,

with lists of contacts and need to know information about health, visas, emergencies, money, weather and what to bring Ã¢â ¬â • all useful stuff. Overall an excellent addition to our dive guide library, which could well become a classic. It's certainly got us planning our next visit to the region." Ã¢â ¬â •Dive Magazine"Diving in Southeast Asia provides a useful starting point for planning a trip. It provides maps spotting the locations of sites and brief tabulated summaries for quick reference. Every page is adorned with a colorful picture generally taken underwater. From marine life suitable for super-macro cameras to WWII wrecks draped in corals, from whale sharks to pigmy seahorses, it's all covered." Ã¢â ¬â •Undercurrent.org"Tuttle has specialized in books about Asia for nearly 70 years, and its experience shows here. The writing succeeds in getting a flavour of the underwater experience and character of individual sites and regions, rather than being a catalogue of facts and figures. And another welcome aspect is the collection of detailed maps marked with individual dive-sites, which I for one will find helpful in future." Ã¢â ¬â •DIVER Magazine

Sarah Ann Wormald is from Ilkley, West Yorkshire in the UK where she previously worked as a Solicitor. Sarah began diving in 1999 in the Red Sea in Egypt and after having dived in numerous destinations around the world she moved to Indonesia in 2007. Since her move to Asia, Sarah has become a Instructor who has shared her passion with hundreds of students through teaching them how to explore the underwater world. When Sarah is not teaching she spends her time traveling Indonesia diving and photographing. From the outset of this project Sarah's aim was to promote operators who dive safely and who protect and care for the reefs around them. Sarah's interests in Indonesian reefs, marine life, adventure and exploration led her to begin working on this book in 2013. Sarah currently lives and works full time in Indonesia.

Glad to have a diving book for this part of the world. It could be better (some sections are severely lacking information), but it's a large part of the world to cover in just one book.

This guide is out of date and it does not give enough pratical details about the dive sites. We could not understand how to get to the dive sites, flight details, where to stay and so on. Not that useful without the country travel guides.

got this for a pending dive trip to the Philippines in 2013 & Thailand in 2014-this book covers them both.

Very informative, nice photos too. Aided me in deciding where I'm going to go in that part of the world next summer. Arrived quickly and suitably priced.

Picking this up was a spur of the moment decision and one I'm quite happy with. As only an occasional diver (pesky right eustacian tube) there isn't much chance I'll get to even a quarter of the sites listed here but by golly there are a lot. All sorts of mouth water bits of info are slung the readers way and if you want some inspiration for your next dive holiday then flicking through this book is certainly a great way to make your credit cards quake in fear.As to specifics, the book is well set out, nicely presented with lots of lovely photos and has plenty of information for budding dive holiday takers. Of course in any work of this kind there is always going to be the issue of information becoming out of date and therefore you really shouldn't take every contact detail etc provided here as gospel, but for heavens sake you are going to do some checking of this sort of stuff before you go so it's unlikely to ruin your holiday.There is a reference section included with contact details and further reading as the icing on the cake and really, the main reason I'm giving this only four stars is due to the inherent risk of obsolescence in such a work and also the fact that nation specific guides are now available for most of the countries mentioned in briefer format in this catch all work.

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areas and beyond. Most are regular contributors to dive magazines and have their own guides published. Some still take groups out despite owning their own dive shop, travel agency, internet cafe, Tshirt stand, satay and fruit juice stall.5) Good quality photos and paper.6) Nice map of the region inside the front cover.Overall one of the better dive books out there. You will find this one really helpful for:*Planning dive trips in S.E. Asia*Knowing where you are*What to look out for at a site/area*Alternative dive resources for S.E. Asia (Lists of websites diving & otherwise).

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