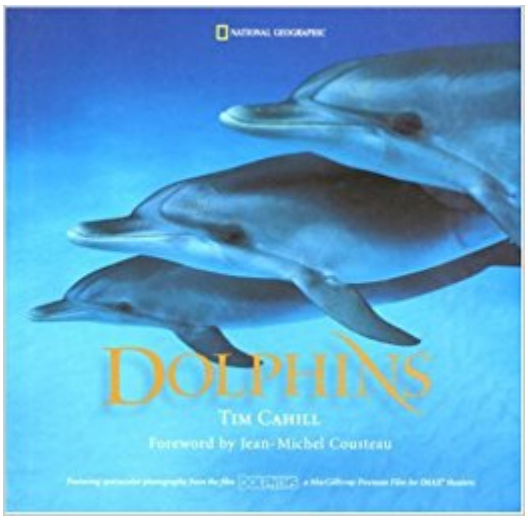
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Adventure writer Tim Cahill highlights the lives and careers of two young and renowned scientists on the cutting edge of dolphin research including stories from the field, the pressures and difficulties of a research career, and the risks and rewards of studying wild marine mammals in their habitat.

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They’re smart, they’re playful, and they’ve fascinated humans from time immemorial. Dolphins are among the most mysterious and highly evolved creatures on Earth, boasting extraordinary intelligence, sophisticated communication, and intriguing, thought-provoking social and behavioral qualities. In this superbly illustrated and authoritative book, the dolphin’s world comes to colorful life in all its engrossing diversity. Featuring more than a hundred arresting full-color photographs and IMAXÃ Â® camera images, and text by best-selling author Tim Cahill, Dolphins is both a portrait of these unique marine mammals with whom we share our planet and a vivid profile of a gifted team of scientists on the frontier of dolphin research, whose firsthand account of what they’ve learned captures the irresistible challenge of understanding the dolphin’s complex world.

Cousteau & Company brought many of us our first glimpse into the watery world, The books offer

exquisite underwater photography and an easy to follow adventurer’s narrative.

Great details, easily understood by kids. My daughter loved it! She loves everything to do with dolphins. Pictures are great. Nicely done.

I had already seen the IMAX movie on Dolphins and was amazed and more awed by them then before and I didn’t think that was possible! Dolphins are my favorite animal and for good reason. Next to humans they are the smartest creature on earth and unfortunately us humans are killing them! The movie doesn’t really go in to that neither does the book.....but had to say it. Anyways the book is large and beautifully illustrated! Covers several topics and isn’t boring at all! The pictures alone make the book worth it!

Classic Jacque Cousteau Dolphins book provides the most extensive information and photos of dolphins that have been presented. As the first true ocean explorer, Cousteau brought us to areas we never knew and showed us the value of saving the oceans. The vendor did a wonderful job of saving should a valuable book in such good condition and carefully and promptly shipped it. I would recommend this vendor to friends and family.

This was a big hit as a gift for our granddaughter, who is really "info" dolphins.

This was one of my favorite books back in high school. I would shove it into my backpack somehow and bring it out anytime I was supposed to be doing something else (say, learning math or basic writing skills). Yes, I mainly looked at all the gorgeous photos and read the captions, but every now and then I read actual text. Tim Cahill pretty much follows PhD student Kathleen Dudzinski around as such studies Atlantic spotted dolphins in the Bahamas, bottlenose dolphins off Mikura Island in Japan, and finally dusky dolphins off Peninsula Valdes in Patagonia, Argentina. Interludes written by experts cover such topics as anatomy and evolution (featuring an awesome illustration showing a dolphin’s internal anatomy), intelligence, mating and reproduction, tool use, and echolocation, among other topics, while photo galleries illustrate such dolphin behaviors as communication, aggression, and play. At the end of the book is a chart by Pieter Folkins illustrating the various species of dolphins worldwide (including belugas and narwhals, which I guess you could call really fat, slow dolphins) as well as an index. Although a very informative and entertaining read, I seriously just like looking at all those photos (call me a simpleton I guess).

This high quality hardbound book is a tome of sorts to state-of-the art wild dolphin scientific research and the personalities of some of their researchers. Spellbinding, graphic text replete with dozens of large format full color portraits -- captured primarily for its sister IMAX film -- Dolphins contains a pirate's treasure of newly-found knowledge to permeate the casual reader's grey matter. Intended primarily for lay audiences; but, with enough quantitative analysis to keep the most discerning scientist interested, Dolphins saturates the reader with a feeling that he's watching and researching the dolphins alongside the real scientists. Conservative in the Aldo Leopold sense of the word, Cahill provides the facts and lets the reader reach his/her own conclusions regarding the impacts of man on some dwindling dolphin populations.

I found, after seeing MacGillivray Freeman's IMAX film Dolphins, that I wanted to know more. The book follows the basis of the film, but goes into much more detail. This book is a superb account of what it is like to study and be around dolphins in the WILD. Cahill's style of writing makes you feel as if you are with him each night as he recounts a day of activity and research. He doesn't "write down" to the reader, i.e., you feel as if you're right there with him, learning along the way. He conveys a true sense of real-life scientific adventure that is fun and intriguing. The incredible pictures alone, many from the IMAX film, are worth buying the book for. I'm a conservative and will not tolerate "tree-hugger" political agendas. This book, like the film, is far from being one that attempts to drill dolphin conservation into your head. Instead, it offers a refreshing angle that provides the reader the knowledge to draw his/her own conclusions about these fascinating animals. Even the lovely scientist, Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski, who Cahill makes the main subject of the book, lets the dolphins "sell themselves" vs. her preaching conservation. It is quite enlightening and is certainly one to keep on the coffee table.

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