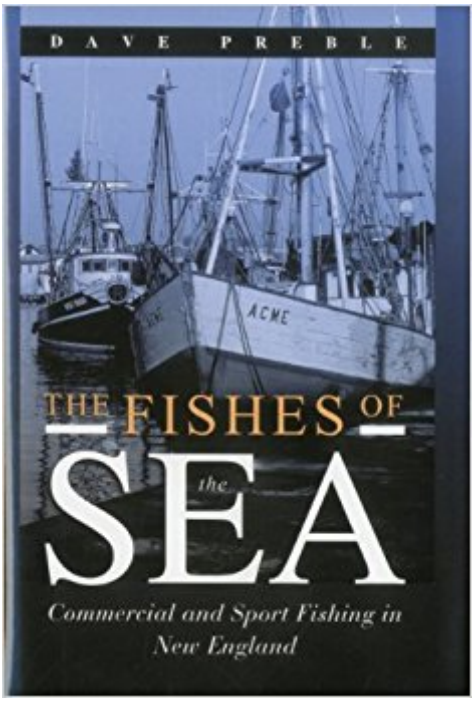
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Synopsis

In this wide-ranging book Dave Preble, who has spent a lifetime fishing the waters of the East Coast, provides a fascinating overview of the history and nature of both commercial and sport fishing in New England waters. He brings to life the glory days when fish were plentiful and new technology made huge catches commonplace. He hauntingly describes the havoc wrought by overfishing in the 1980's, and finally expresses the hope that a new ethical approach to nature and strict adherence to quotas will combine with the fortuitous resurgence of species believed near extinction. The scientific and technical discourse about the major species-cod, stripers, bluefish, tuna, sharks, etc.-is interspersed with exciting tales reminiscent of The Perfect Storm. Through it all, we experience firsthand a unique, highly dangerous lifestyle, always at the brink of disaster.

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A useful resource for general readers, upper-division undergraduates, and graduate students interested in fishery science or environmental studies. (CHOICE)Dave Preble has plied the sea as a charter skipper, a draggerman and a biologist, and in The Fishes of the Sea he provides a fascinating overview of history, nature, sociology and the marine ecosystem. His insights are born of experience, with opinions that are refreshing and voiced from the heart. He brings to life the glory days when fish were abundant, and he chronicles the devastation of overfishing. The result is a book that is hard to put down once you crack the first page. (Fisherman)

Captain Dave Preble once worked as a deckhand on commercial fishing vessels and now operates his own charterboat business.

I loved this book. It provides a fascinating look into the world of commercial New England fishermen.

As one with little experience with, but a fair amount of interest in, the sea and its denizens I found this book an engaging and enlightening introduction to the sea and the world of the fisherman, both commercial and recreational. The author hits the salient high points of many aspects of fishing: economic, biologic, philosophic and historic. I read the book while vacationing on Block Island, the scene of much of the book's action, which added to the flavor of the book. I encourage you to partake of both the book and the island.

I purchased this book on the strength of a recommendation from a review in the Block Island, R.I. local paper (much of the book involves settings in the Block Island locale). As one with minimal experience with fishing and the sea, but a modest interest in both, I found the book provides a well-paced intro to all aspects of the world of the fisherman, both commercial and recreational. The author leavens the book with a number of human-interest stories, and his limited excursions into non-fishing matters (politics for example) are stimulating.

Worthwhile reading, although not quite as much of a "how to catch fish book".

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