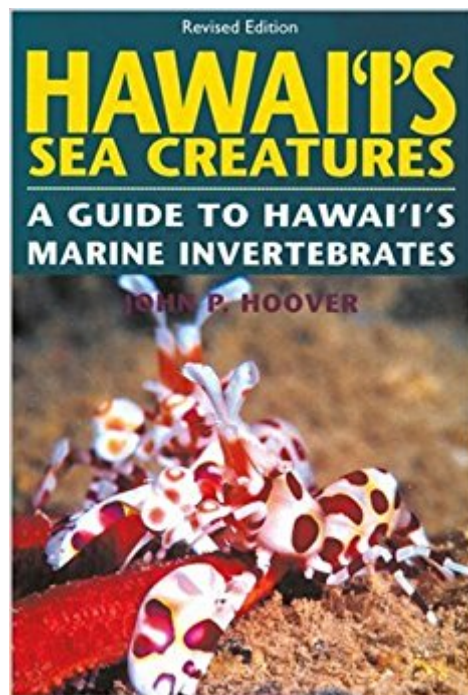




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Hawaii's Sea Creatures: A Guide To Hawaii's Marine Invertebrates, Revised Edition



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This is John's latest book, illustrating and describing over 500 species of marine invertebrates from the Hawaiian Islands. The excellent underwater photos are well-reproduced and the text contains complete and informative descriptions of each species. Each phylum has been given equal coverage. The opisthobranch section includes 77 species, a number of which are endemic to the Hawaiian Islands and unlikely to be illustrated in other recent publications.... The bibliography included is excellent. This book is a must have for biologists, divers, snorkelers and opisthobranch lovers alike. Most of the Hawaii "entries" at Mike Miller's Slug Site are straight from the book and will

give potential buyers a good idea of the book's content. -- Australasian Nudibranch News, no. 10. May 1999 This is THE book for identifying over 500 species of invertebrates found in Hawaiian waters--the book that Hawaii's divers have long awaited! This hefty 2 pound volume is filled with excellent photos of both the common and rare. But where it truly excels is in the quality and depth of information provided. John Hoover rooted out not only the scientific and Hawaiian names of each species, but what the names mean. He scoured the scientific literature for the latest proposed scientific names. He discovered sources of fascinating anecdotes, past uses, and Hawaiian perceptions adding depth to what is known about the animals. This well researched book is the first comprehensive Hawaii invertebrate book since Edmondson's 1944 Reef and Shore Fauna. Truly, it sets the standard for all regional invertebrate books to follow. --Mike Severns Diving

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I live in Hawai'i, and I refer to this book constantly. It's written in a way that is informative, down-to-earth, and yet professional. We use this book to ID critters but also to learn about them. Hoover's background information gives 'regular' folks an understanding of the science involved. Yet, the book is an easy read, with whimsical stories and details that help you remember much that you've learned. Once I read this book, it opened my eyes to so many little creatures that I didn't even know existed. Clearly, having this book as expanded my diving and snorkeling horizons in ways that I never imagined. I gave a copy of it to my brother, who doesn't even go into the ocean,

and he loved it. It's that good.

Happiness

my kids love this book

As a scuba instructor, I use this guide on all dive trips to ID the wonderful creatures in our Hawaiian waters. My students love to use the book to ID creatures they see on their dives and then log the experience in their dive logs. The book is comprehensive and full of wonderful color photos which help you to easily identify what you discover. I highly recommend this book for any dive professional or ocean enthusiast.

It's great, but unless you dive or spend time underwater at night, you won't see many of these animals. Still, it's a very comprehensive book on what's out there, even if you don't see them.

This volume, combined with Reef Fishes by the same author is a go-to pair for any diver or snorkeler going to Hawaii. I can't imagine how some of these photos were taken; many of these critters are pretty hard to find.

I love this book, I love marine invertebrates. There are PAGES about sea slugs!!! It's everything I've dreamed of and more. The pictures are great and it gives great descriptions for everything. I can't wait to snorkel and see some of these things.

The best thing available to identify marine invertebrates in Hawaiian waters. My only downgrade is because it seemed to be short on crabs, as we found several species that weren't included. But there are an awful lot of marine invertebrates!

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