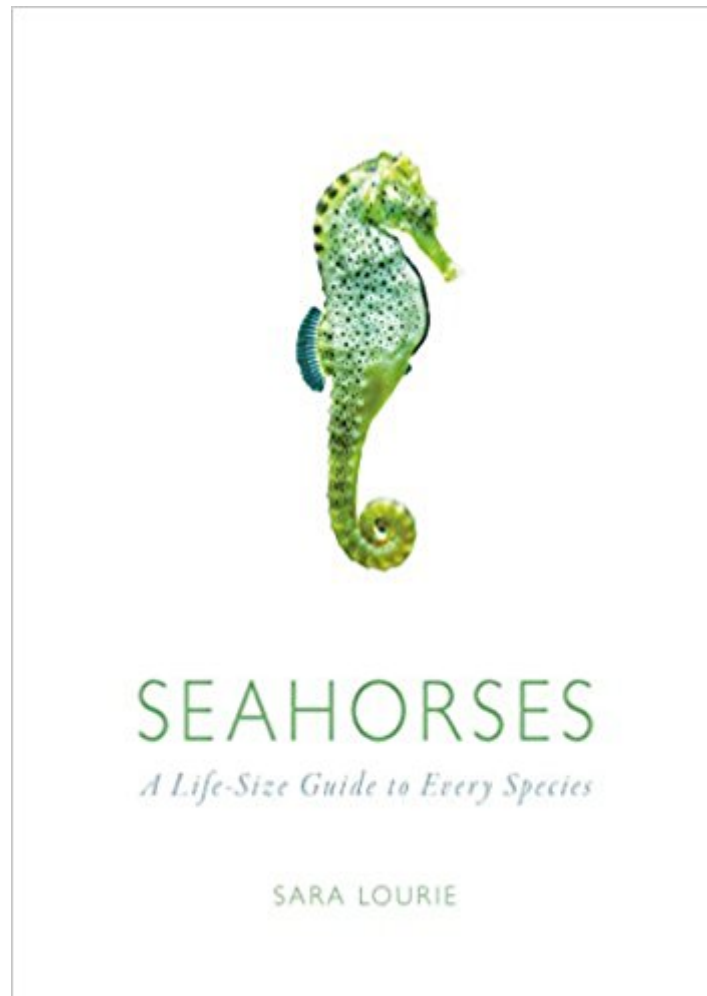




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Seahorses: A Life-Size Guide To Every Species



Synopsis

Absolutely captivating creatures, seahorses seem like a product of myth and imagination rather than of nature. They are small, elusive, and are named for their heads, which are shaped like miniature ponies with tiny snouts. They swim slowly upright by rapidly fanning their delicate dorsal fin, coil their tails to anchor themselves in a drift, and spend days in a dancing courtship. Afterward, it is the male who carries the female's eggs in his pouch and hatches the young. Seahorses are found worldwide, and they are highly sensitive to environmental destruction and disturbance, making them the flagship species for shallow-water habitat conservation. They are as ecologically important as they are beautiful. Seahorses celebrates the remarkable variety of seahorse species as well as their exquisiteness. 57 species, including seadragons and pipefish, are presented in lush, life-size photographs alongside descriptive drawings, and each entry includes detailed and up-to-date information on natural history and conservation. Sara Lourie, a foremost expert on seahorse taxonomy, presents captivating stories of species that range from less than an inch to over a foot in height, while highlighting recent discoveries and ecological concerns. Accessibly written, but comprehensive in scope, this book will be a stunning and invaluable reference on seahorse evolution, biology, habitat, and behavior. Masters of camouflage and rarely seen, seahorses continue to be a fascinating subject of active research. This visually rich and informative book is certain to become the authoritative guide to these charming and unusual wonders of the sea, beloved at aquariums the world over.

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“Seahorses are the most un-fishlike of all fishes, with their horse-like heads, prehensile tails, and near absence of fins. This guide covers every one of the 42 known species of seahorses, plus 15 additional relatives, including the seadragon. In addition to beautiful color photographs of all but the rarest species, the descriptions nicely summarize what is known about the distribution, reproduction, and identifying characters of each. The really striking feature, however, is an elegantly simple one: inclusion of a life-sized shadow/silhouette of each species. It is rather astounding to see that some of the pygmy seahorses are literally no larger than the average housefly! . . . Highly recommended.” (Choice)

Sara Lourie is a research associate with Project Seahorse. She has identified multiple new pygmy seahorse species and is the author of several books and articles on seahorse taxonomy.

For Lovers of Seahorses! (And, who doesn't love the tiny critters?)

Great book but the print is small. Service was excellent!

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A wonderful beautifully illustrated work! This book is a treasure for anyone interested in learning about the fantastic little creatures of the sea, their habits and distribution of every species known at the time of this printing. And conservation of these little fishes is not neglected in this work, as it is a very crucial moment in time for efforts to save many sensitive and rare species! A great book to have, for the small price. Thank you!

Great book very informative

seahorses and their relatives. Extremely well written, very clear explanations of normally difficult topics for many. I could hardly put it down, even to refresh my cup of coffee.

This book was a major disappointment as it is simply a drastic presentational mess for which the publisher (Ivy Press) should be ashamed. My reasons are a) The majority of pictures are either out of focus, only partial, unidentifiable or are desiccated post mortem or museum specimens b)

Illustrations are surrounded by print that makes it difficult to get a clear image c) the type size is so small it is only possible to read a very few pages at a time d) the book is the wrong size should have been A4. There are 3 sections to the book -general information, seahorse species and related species. Definitely not recommended -not worth a penny

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