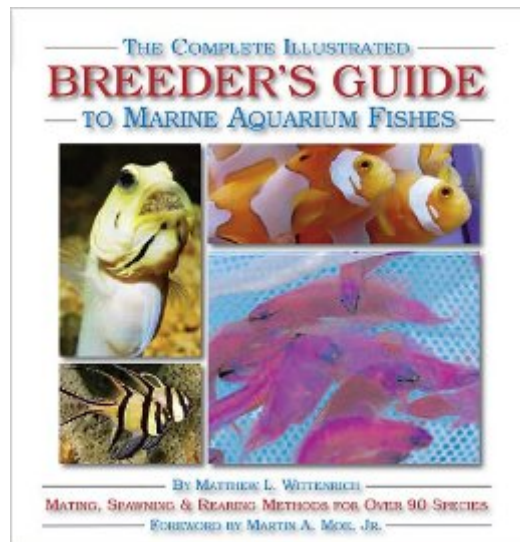


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# The Complete Illustrated Breeder's Guide To Marine Aquarium Fishes



## Synopsis

The Complete Illustrated Breeder's Guide to Marine Aquarium Fishes is the first detailed guide to amateur marine fish breeding, and reveals the techniques and secrets for successfully spawning and rearing more than 90 species of coral reef fishes • clownfishes, dottybacks, cardinals, seahorses, and more. This comprehensive book includes step-by-step procedures for beginning hobbyists as well as how to establish broodstock pairs, breeding room set-up, how to trigger spawning, feeding & rearing larvae, and detailed family and species guides. Beautiful color photographs and diagrams help illustrate the species, equipment, and techniques described throughout the text.

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Whether you're a hobbyist, enthusiast, or entrepreneur of saltwater fish this book is necessary collection for your library. This book covers everything from setting up tanks properly, to choosing and spawning your broodstock and most importantly larval care. The secret steps of larval care and diet are described for 90+ species and accompanied with easy to follow fabulous photos. After reading through the steps in the book I was able to successfully, spawn and rear Neon Dottybacks to metamorphosis. A definite must!

Let me put it short and sweet - if you are considering the cutting edge of the aquarium hobby, you're talking Marine Fish Breeding, and this book will literally bring you up to speed on the last 40 years of marine ornamental fish breeding right up to 2007. Matthew Wittenrich continues to be on the cutting edge, having raised more than one new species since the publication of this all-encompassing

review of hobbyist-level marine fish propagation. This book, covering over 50 successfully reared marine fish species, is enough to give the average hobbyist decades of "projects" to reattempt, as well as providing current insight into how future breakthroughs and achievements might be reached. Easily worth 4-5 times the price you'll pay. Simply a book that will floor you.

This is such a fascinating subject; and the author clearly possesses a great deal of knowledge about it. However, it seemed like the book was rushed to printing without thorough editing. There are typos and omissions throughout the book. The most annoying omission was the detailed protocol for breeding the Orchid Dottyback. For every species of Dottyback, and for other unrelated species, the author refers the reader to see the "detailed protocol of breeding *P. fridmani*" on page 186. This detailed protocol seems to be one of the most important sections in the book; and it isn't there. I read the book cover to cover and never found the "detailed protocol of breeding *P. fridmani*." Considering that this section is referred to so often and for so many species the omission of this section is either extremely sloppy editing or it was purposefully left out. Perhaps some of the commercial breeders associated with the author didn't want these details released...The photos in the book are very good, and help to redeem the overall poor editing.

Author Matt Wittenrich is gifted with the patience and rational powers of observation that enable him to capture the important details that need to be reproduced in order for the various species of marine fishes to reproduce themselves. Breeding marine fishes is obviously the author's life's work, and it is truly to his credit that he shares step-by-step instructions from his immense store of knowledge about these fishes that for so long had been considered impossible to breed in the home. Fantastic photography of larvae, breeding sequences, sexual dimorphism, equipment, and more.

Matt Witterich's book 'The Complete Illustrated Breeder's Guide to Marine Aquarium Fishes' is aptly titled. The book discusses comprehensively the details of marine ornamental captive culture, from broodstock rearing, breeding to larval rearing of up to 90+ species. This work distilled the author's decade-long experience in ornamental fish culture, making the hobby more accessible to beginners and adding new insights to the repertoire of professional hobbyist. The breadth, meticulous detail, scientific precision and excellent photography show the expertise and dedication of the author in the field of marine ornamental culture- not just as a hobbyist but as a scientific researcher in the field. While this book will undoubtedly become an indispensable 'guidebook' for the hobbyist, I believe that the book will become very useful as a reference for colleges and universities teaching in

ornamental fish culture and to researchers in the field. This book advances both the art and the science of ornamental fish culture!

This is a really good information on breeding, but now needs a new edition to incorporate newest information. More info for a small scale breeding adventure would be good. The info is excellent for a large scale breeding adventure. I wish I had a PhD in plumbing.

The book is exceptional reference for the home breeder. However it could have been a little more detailed in a few sections. It is the best Marine Breeders reference I have come across to date.

Complete, full of ideas, easy to read, well structured. Great book, specially if you're starting at small or home-scale. It brings you from the general approach to a common and not so common marine species details. It covers jawfish, grammas, bettas, gobies, blennies, cardinals, dottybacks and many more... even pelagic spawners, providing insight into how future achievements might be reached. The book is very useful as a reference for hobbyists, but also for researchers in the field. This book is a must.

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