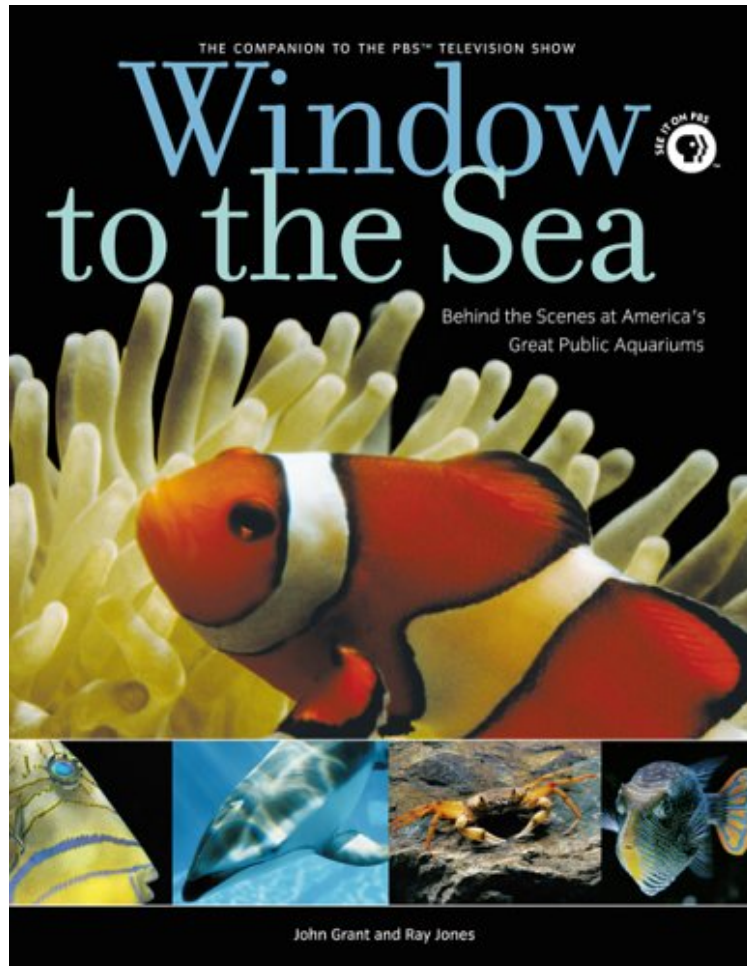


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This exquisite book captures the beauty and adventure of the undersea world and reveals the dramatic work done by

marine scientists and other staff at public aquariums throughout the U.S.A. It offers a rare glimpse behind the scenes at these extremely popular attractions and travels into the field to explore the activities of four of North America's greatest aquariums. How are abandoned sea otters rescued and rehabilitated? Why is the discovery of a beautiful new jellyfish species a cause for celebration? How are chambered nautilus and other exotic species cared for and bred in captivity? Presented in an engaging storytelling approach, these and other topics - acquisition of animals, creating exhibits, training, feeding, water maintenance, and ocean conservation - are explored in the pages of this beautiful book. In addition to more than one hundred stunning photos of marine life both at the aquariums and in the ocean, "Window to the Sea" features dozens of images from the TV footage of scientists and other aquarium professionals interacting with the animals. An extensive appendix describes sixty public aquariums in North America and includes all pertinent traveller information. This is a wonderful book for fans of travel and nature and for young people interested in the life aquatic.

From the Back CoverAs we stand eye-to-eye with an eel or octopus, watch the mesmerizing drift of jellyfish, or admire the powerful leap of a dolphin, we begin to comprehend the complexity, beauty, and adventure of our planet's inner space-the oceans. Public aquariums can open that window to the sea. They offer close and often eerily personal glimpses of a watery world far removed from our everyday experience and yet vital to our existence. Window to the Sea, the companion to the PBS television program, provides a rare glimpse behind the scenes and into the field with professionals from four great aquariums: the New England Aquarium in Boston, the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California, and the Waikiki Aquarium in Hawaii. You'll see how different aquariums work: how staff members care for and feed their animals, how they educate the public, and what research and conservation activities are under way on land or in the sea. With its engaging writing, 300 color photographs (including images from the TV show), and an appendix detailing major aquariums in the United States, Window to the Sea provides an insider's view of the oceans' alien underwater realm.