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The Complete Diver: The History, Science And Practice Of Scuba Diving



Synopsis

The Complete Diver: The History, Science and Practice of Scuba Diving is a comprehensive guide to the sport of recreational scuba diving. It is an important book not just for beginning divers and instructors but also for all who are interested in diving, marine science and ocean exploration. The Complete Diver chronicles a fascinating timeline of undersea exploration and examines the latest developments in technology that will allow man to probe deeper into the vast expanse of innerspace in the future. The Complete Diver includes chapters devoted to diving history, physics and physiology, diving medicine, health and safety practices for scuba divers, decompression theory and how to avoid the bends, diving techniques, and the future of diving. Author Alex Brylske, Ph.D., is the most published author in the field of recreational scuba diving, and one of the diving industry's most influential voices. Throughout the 1980s, as Educational Program Development Manager for PADI, Alex designed and wrote many of the programs and materials used today around the world to train divers of all levels. He has been the senior editor of Dive Training magazine since 1991. In addition to his career as a writer and diving educator, Dr. Brylske is a Professor of Marine Science at Florida Keys Community College in Key West, Florida.

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This book is of value to a newly certified diver or someone interested in becoming certified. As an experienced diver I had great expectations in view of the title of the book, the book description, and the credentials of the author, but I must say having finished the book that I learned very little. A good part of the book is spent on the history of our understanding of decompression sickness and on the different theories of DCS. Beyond that there is a paucity of practical information on top of what most divers already know. Some statements in the book such as, "systems such as Spare Air are adequate (as backup) for most recreational diving applications", are just dangerously wrong. On top of that the Kindle edition at \$29.95 is much overpriced compared to other Kindle books of similar genre.

SCUBA diving has so many facets from a knowledge and safety perspective and what I appreciated about "The Complete Diver" was the layman's approach that Brylske takes in his writing. The most complex information has been made clear and concise for every level of diver. I have read through this book a few times and find it a valuable resource to consult frequently. My only disappointment is that there is no e-version of this book. I would love to have it on my Kindle!!

This is a great book for the serious and not so serious diver. It contains a very good historical background combined with useful information for divers of any skill level. That said, I do not recommend the Kindle version. Most, if not all, of the graphics are distorted or show up as empty spaces. The fonts seem to change size and type without any rhyme or reason. I had hoped that I would be able to take this reference book with me on dive trips around the world without having to lug a hardcopy around. I guess that is not going to happen in the near future. Save yourself some aggravation and purchase the printed version. Hopefully the electronic version will be fixed in the near future.

Great book! Love reading it. If you really want to nerd out on diving like I do this is a great read, great history well written gets into the weeds on diving! Thank you

This is an excellent book. There are chapters about the different types and aspects of diving. It's very well written and you can tell the author is a teacher and scientist. All the technical parts discussing partial pressure, etc seems accurate and written the way a teacher would teach it. One

of the best SCUBA books I've read.

The most comprehensive review of diving I have ever had the esteemed privilege of reading. I strongly recommend this to all varying levels of discipline, especially divemasters and instructors. Anyone with a genuine desire for learning and advancing in the most rewarding sport on the planet can benefit from the lifetime of knowledge shared within its pages! Scuba diving is clearly for strong thinkers and who share a passion for learning and personal development. Dr. Brylske's most exceptional work to date! Kudos Dr. Brylske...keep it coming!

This is a ridiculously detailed book, broken up into very interesting chapters ranging from history, tech, health, etc. If every diver read it, scuba injuries and fatalities would definitely decrease, and enjoyment would likely rise too. There is tons to learn about diving, and short of practicing it, reading this book is probably one of the better ways to introduce oneself to the many many facets of scuba that are crucial to great health, safety, knowledge and enjoyment in the amazing sport of scuba.

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