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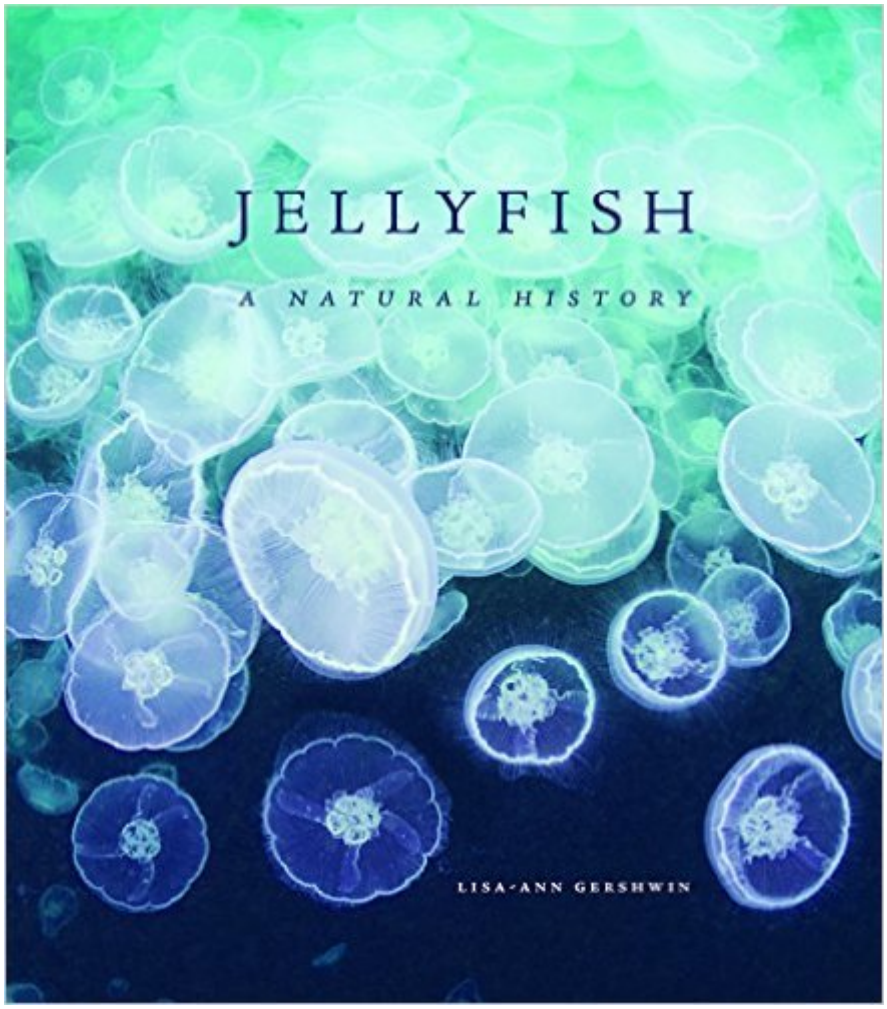

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Synopsis

Jellyfish, with their undulating umbrella-shaped bells and sprawling tentacles, are as fascinating and beautiful as they are frightening and dangerous. They are found in every ocean at every depth, and they are the oldest multi-organed life form on the planet, having inhabited the ocean for more than five hundred million years. In many places they are also vastly increasing in number, and these population blooms may be an ominous indicator of the rising temperatures and toxicity of the worldâ ™s oceans. Jellyfish presents these aquarium favorites in all their extraordinary and captivating beauty. Fifty unique species, from stalked jellyfish to black sea nettles, are presented in stunning color photographs along with the most current scientific information on their anatomy, history, distribution, position in the water, and environmental status. Foremost jellyfish expert Lisa-ann Gershwin provides an insightful look at the natural history and biology of each of these spellbinding creatures, while offering a timely take on their place in the rapidly changing and deteriorating condition of the oceans. Readers will learn about immortal jellyfish who live and die and live again as well as those who camouflage themselves amid sea grasses and shells, hiding in plain sight. Â Approachably written and based in the latest science and ecology, this colorful book provides an authoritative guide to these ethereal marine wonders.

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Such a beautiful book! There’s, unfortunately, not a lot of jellyfish books available. At least not ones that cover different types of jellyfish in detail. This book just does that. It’s a mini-encyclopedia, if

you will, about all different kinds of jellies. Ones you've never heard of, I'm sure.It's divided into five lengthy chapters. Each one covers different topics over jellyfish. Such as, history, ecology, taxonomy, etc. The book is filled to the brim with wonderful images, detailed drawings and great explanations. The pages are also made of a very sturdy material; they're not flimsy. After each chapter, there's two pages covering a specific type of jelly (see images). It's definitely what I've been looking for!I thank Lisa-Ann Gershwin for this lovely book! As well as all the other great people that took part in making it.Please, continue! Do not let this be the end. We need more books that cover jellyfish in such wonderful spotlights as this book did. Go big next time, include even more jellyfish!If you're on the fence, you won't regret this purchase. Wanna learn more about jellyfish, but are worried to be overwhelmed? This book simplifies the materials and presents it back in a very colorful and easy-to-read way.If you're a fan of jellies, you already have this!

The pictures are beautiful, the information is mind-boggling, an awesome book all the way around. This is her second book. "Stung!" ,her first book was top notch as well.

The book was very informative and the pages were very nice. Each page a new photo.Very beautiful chapter seperations. I love jellyfish, so this book was a must for my collection.

Great book, beautiful pictures, all laid out like a true professional.

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