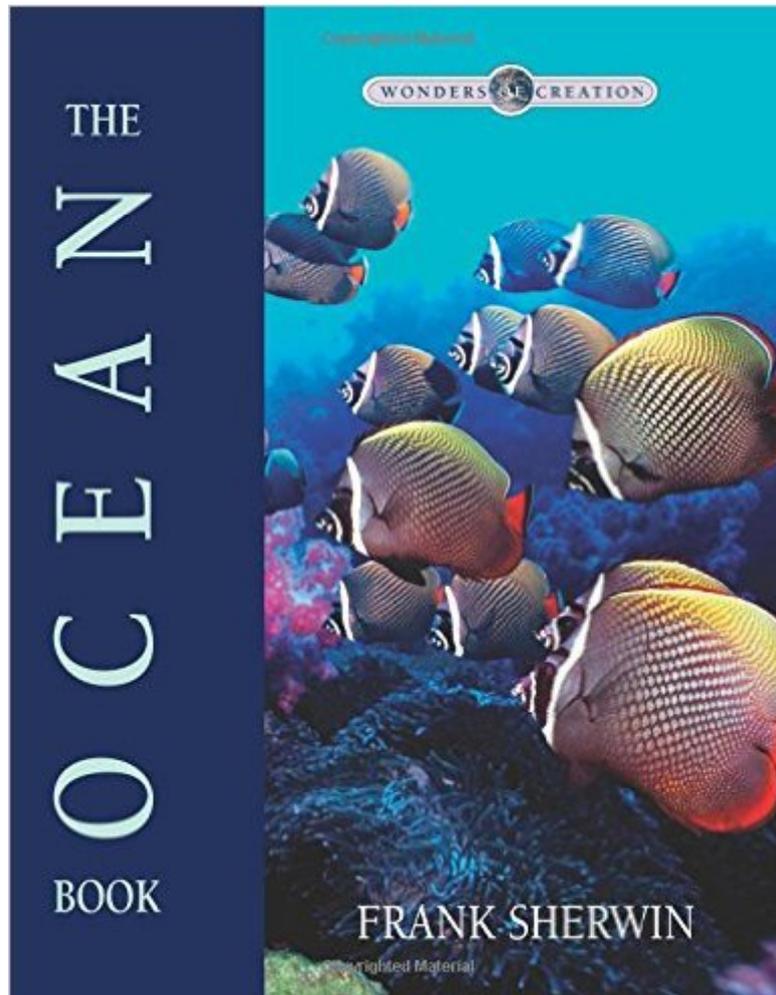


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Synopsis

The oceans may well be Earth's final frontier. These dark and sometimes mysterious waters cover 71 percent of the surface area of the globe and have yet to be fully explored. Under the waves, a watery world of frail splendor, foreboding creatures, and sights beyond imagination awaits. The Ocean Book will teach you about: Giant squid and other "monsters" of the seas Centuries of ocean exploration Hydrothermal vents The ingredients that make up the ocean Harnessing the ocean's energy Icebergs Coral reefs Ships, submarines, and other ocean vessels The major ocean currents El Nino, whirlpools, and hurricanes Harvesting the oceans' resources Whales, dolphins, fish, and other sea creatures Learning about the oceans and their hidden contents can be exciting and rewarding. The abundance and diversity of life, the wealth of resources, and the simple mysteries there have intrigued explorers and scientist for centuries. A better understanding of our oceans ensures careful conservation of their grandeur and beauty for future generations, and leads to a deeper respect for the delicate balance of life on planet Earth.

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Customer Reviews

I am a retired high school biology, chemistry, math, and physics teacher. I served as chairman of the text book selection committee for our school district and found it distressing that we could not find a text that did not claim evolution to be a "proven fact." It is very difficult to find quality texts that will present alternative models of origin. Darwinian evolution has never been proven and never

observed. It was a one-time event that occurred in the unobserved past. Yes, the same can be said for Biblical creation and "Intelligent Design." They are all worldviews. The Ocean Book is very well written and beautifully illustrated. It gives a cogent alternative to Darwin's strange opinions. I highly recommend it to everyone who wishes an alternative to secular philosophy and would like to know more about the "fearfully and wonderfully made" planet on which we live.

I used this book as a reference when teaching my children about the oceans. We enjoyed all the colorful pictures and the information was very useful. I have enjoyed all of Master Books Wonders of Creation series. Their books always point to God the Creator of all things. It is wonderful to read about God's creation from a creationist perspective.

This is an excellent and well-illustrated book on important aspects of the ocean. It includes research findings, physical characteristics and composition of ocean waters. Tides, waves, currents, and weather are discussed. Fishing and marine life are described. The book concludes with a description of the worldwide Genesis flood. My granddaughter who aspires to become a marine biologist really loved the book. I recommend it to all!

"The Ocean Book" gives an overview of the many aspects of the ocean (from its physical characteristics to sea life) from a Christian perspective. The author referred to God as the Creator of the oceans and occasionally referred to the world-wide Flood described in Genesis. The book was well-written and easy to understand for about ages 9 on up. It contained many lovely, full-color photographs of sea-related animals and objects as well as useful color illustrations. The introduction gave some fascinating facts about the ocean. Chapter One gave an overview of the history of studying of the ocean (including when, how, and what studied). Chapter Two talked about the physical characteristics of the ocean (shore, coast, continental margin, trenches, ridges, hydrothermal vents). Chapter Three talked about the chemical make-up of the ocean (also discussing salt & icebergs). Chapter Four discussed how tides, waves, currents, and whirlpools are formed. Chapter Five talked about El Niño, La Niña, and hurricanes. Chapter Six talked about the fishing and (sea) mining industry and tidal hydropower. Chapter Seven discussed marine life (zones, plankton, algae, crustaceans, mollusks, fish, whales, and ocean monsters). Chapter Eight discussed coral reefs (animals & vegetation, types, how formed). Chapter Nine talked about ocean-going vessels (research ships, submarines & submersibles, how steel ships float, how submarines control their depth, and early ocean navigation). Chapter Ten discussed the Genesis

flood (what the ark looked like, how fish survived, etc.). The Appendix had a glossary, short biographies for five ocean-crossing explorers, and length conversion charts. There was also a pull-out poster with some illustrations and pictures from the book. Overall, I'd recommend this enjoyable book to any (Christian) child who's interested in learning more about the ocean.

I was thrilled when a friend gave me this book as I had been wanting it for quite some time. We homeschool and I'm always looking for great materials to use as part of our educational curriculum. The book pretty much covers all the material an elementary or even junior high age student would need to know about the ocean and the author used a cross-topical approach to the material. In other words, he integrated information, statistics, and supplemental material from other subjects as well. As students learn about oceanic ridges, hydrothermal vents, tides, the oceanic food chain, etc., they're also learning vocabulary, science, geology, geography, math, nutrition, and more. There are maps, diagrams, photographs, and drawings. All the diversity makes the book appealing to learners of all ages and learning styles. As other reviewers have mentioned, there is a chapter called "The Genesis Flood." In my opinion, a book about the ocean wouldn't be complete without a mention of this event. What I like about it is the fact that this is not simply another book that mentions the flood and expects you to accept it as fact. The author has actually taken the time to evaluate various arguments for a worldwide flood and examine them from a scientific point of view. Finally, I really appreciated the conversion charts at the back of the book. This was quite helpful when discussing nautical terms like "fathoms" with my students - my children. I would highly recommend this book for anyone, but especially for educators wanting to provide their students with some excellent educational material that will hold their interest. This book is ideal for any unit study or homeschool curricula regarding the ocean. You could use it independently or find some fantastic supplemental material in the teacher's guide. Sonya Haskins author of *Homeschooling for the Rest of Us: How Your One-of-a-Kind Family Can Make Homeschooling and Real Life Work* (Bethany House, 2010)

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