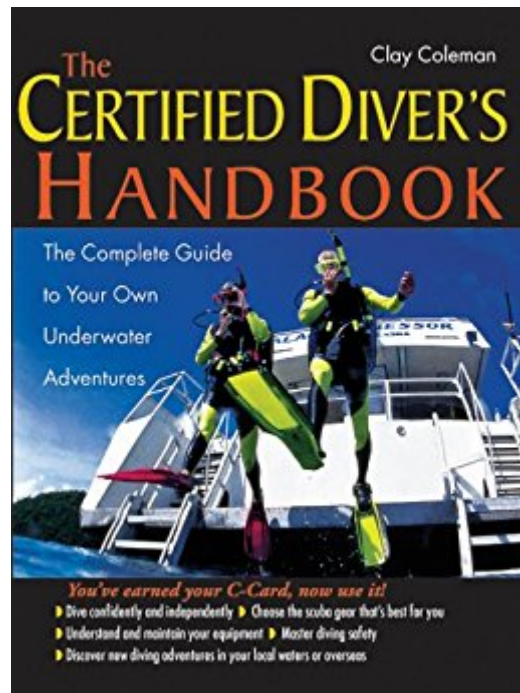


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The Certified Diver's Handbook: The Complete Guide To Your Own Underwater Adventures



Synopsis

The real-world guide for divers who want to enjoy their sport to the fullest More than half of the 1.5 million people who achieve scuba certification each year are stymied in their pursuit of the sport because they lack time and money to enjoy the exotic diving experiences they've read about, and don't want to be confined to group dives. The Certified Diver's Handbook is the only guide to help them create their own diving adventures on any budget, on any schedule, in waters local or distant, and without the restrictions of group demands. Thirty-year diving veteran and photojournalist Clay Coleman provides the insider's tips and how-to advice divers need to equip, plan, and execute their own diving expeditions. Divers will learn how to: Buy or rent the best SCUBA equipment at the best prices Plan dives to maximize enjoyment and safety Find great diving sites close to home Master underwater rescue procedures and shore- and night-diving techniques Explore wrecks, reefs, and underwater caves

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Customer Reviews

I have been a certified diver for over a year before I read this book. I had even purchased all my

own gear in that amount of time. I wish that I had read this book immediately after my scuba class because I felt the information was valuable in selecting equipment as well as discussing dive trips. This is the stuff that they don't teach you in class. The author's style makes it an easy read for any diver. Plus, he is even willing to laugh at himself from time to time. I am going to have my son read it next.

This is a wonderful book for the newly certified diver, or for the older diver who has finished a refresher course. It covers a lot of the things that Open Water classes don't have time to cover in a lot of depth (no pun intended) but that are essential to safe, fun diving. The author discusses every topic of interest to the newly certified diver, from continuing education to selecting gear. The writing style is pleasant and easy to read. I would even recommend the book to those who are not yet certified, because it will give them a good overview of issues to consider as a new diver.

A book with title "handbook" has potential to cover all subject matter of scuba diving, including the Scuba Gear, Diving Skills, Emergency, Buddy Skills, Medical, Communications, Logbook Entry, and so on. Without getting into the travel, locations, outboarding, tourist spots, vacation hidaways, etc. Yet, because of the temptation to discuss the SIZZLE of the latter, much of the opportunity to discuss scuba details was left out. For example, how to handle scuba equipment on a boat. Would that not take priority ... over vacation spots, where you go onto a boat. First thing first, right? Anyway, because of its strong effort to make some valuable contribution to the subject of scuba diving, a 4-star rating was given. In the next edition of this book, a re-evaluation of the missing parts can be detailed. Do not think it should be used as a travel guide, since location sites change. For example, Acapulco Mexico used to be a great tourist site. Not sure about it, today. Hence, this book, with embedded travel information, can easily become out-dated.

Having not been diving in 1.5 years, I wanted to review some things before getting back in the water, so I bought this book. I thought this book was great. The author talked about his experiences, some techniques he has found useful, and procedures/ways to make things easier. Seems to cover everything, from multiple chapters on equipment to shore vs boat diving, how to deal with problems etc, etc. Very easy to read and understand how to apply what you read.

Being a newly certified diver, I had the question "Now what?" This book is like having an experienced diver as a constant friend who never tires of giving advice (and sharing some great

anecdotes!) I highly recommend it.

As a newly certified open water diver, I know that there is a lot to learn. Open water certification allows you to dive safely (within limits) but it can't prepare you for all of the variations in diving. This book is a great guide to get you started on many different topics in diving. For me, the most useful chapters related to buying gear. The author went into tremendous detail about the gear you will need as a scuba diver, particularly about regulators and BCs. It definitely made me a more informed consumer when I bought my first set of gear. I highly recommend this book.

Learn to maximize those diving skills you were taught and truly make your diving adventures what they should be; safe and fun. Clay Coleman has put together his experience, skills, and plenty of helpful hints that go far beyond what you can ever learn in a dive course. Be ahead of the pack while developing your skills and planning your dive adventures. This book is a must for new divers as well as experienced divers.

This diver's handbook is truly another buddy and maybe your best one. It's packed with information and wisdom it would take many years and dives to learn all condensed and categorized while written in a relaxed and friendly manner. Who doesn't want to learn from that salty, experienced diver you come across on your adventures in diving? Here are all those questions answered and some you would not have thought of asking. Not a book to read and pass on but to be kept as a quick reference. SAFE diving!

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