



## Synopsis

This handy book features 191 species, all illustrated in full color. Also included for each fish are detailed ranges, habitats, game quality, food quality and record sizes.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is an excellent reference guide for identifying gulf and bay fishes, and contains very little "how-to" information. Fish are separated into families. Each fish has a detailed color illustration, common name(s), and scientific name, plus a short description of each of the following categories: physical description, range, habitat, typical sizes, food value, game quality, typical tackle and bait, and a very short description of typical fishing methods. 185 fish are pictured in all, including sharks, stingrays, baitfish, and a number of other fish that may be encountered even though they are not normally thought of as sportfish.

This book is well written and nicely cross referenced. When it's not on my boat during a fishing trip, it stays in the throne room for good reading. The only complaint I have is that the author seems to think nearly every fish in the sea is tasty. Only a few of the fish in the book are labeled as "Poor" when it comes to food quality.

If your trying to find out what is on the end of your line... I would suggest this book. It has good illustrations of many fish and a few other interesting facts about them. It also covers the whole gulf area rather than selecting a state or two. The only draw back is it doesn't include great detail on how

to catch each particular fish.

I am impressed with the information in this fish guide. It not only helps you identify the different fish species, but also tells you where, when and how to fish for them. It is by far the best fishing reference I have seen for the Gulf of Mexico. I recommend this guide to anyone who fishes the Gulf.

Great reference! Illustrations are clear and detailed. Size is such that it would be easy to carry as an on-water reference. Thorough information in the book. Plan to also pick up Dunaway's Sport Fish of Freshwater.

I like this book. The descriptions of the fish are good. It is an easy book to use and well laid out. The main thing I would have wanted to be improved upon was the discussion of where the fish could be found. I would have liked a little more specificity here. If I want to fish for a particular species, this book doesn't narrow down where I could expect to find it very well.

All of Vic Dunaway's guides are excellent for quick ID and basic information on such things as habitat and edibility. I have several well worn and fishy copies of these books. Glad to have one on my phone so it is with me wherever I am fishing.

I was from the Midwest so I was unfamiliar with all of the species in the Gulf of Mexico. This helped us identify and get reviews about the fish and their background to what the meat value was like. I had looked at several other books but found this gave all the information about the fish that we wanted and was just the right size to carry around. This is actually my second copy of this book. We had used our previous one on all our fishing trips that we carried it in our tackle bag. We had the bag open and we were hit by a big wave off the dike so it was soaked. We still used it but over the years from the damage I decided to replace it.

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