

Check It Out: Explore the wonders of the ocean without getting wet

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So, lately I've been thinking about whales. Do you ever do that? Not whales specifically, but just start thinking about something you normally don't devote much attention to? Right now, for me, it's all about marine mammals. Go figure.

Having grown up in the Southwest, I didn't form an early connection with the ocean and its contents. In fact, the ocean kind of freaks me out, which is why I am happy to go to the beach, but do not ask me to get close to the water or expect me to enjoy any recreational activities in the middle of all that deepness and vastness. OK, I did take a cruise once, but except for seeing some amazing flying fish, I never really felt at sea.



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Now that I'm having a whale moment, I just have to share a marine-themed reading list with readers. As it turns out, I'm also curious about other sea creatures, which is why I hope you also want to read about dolphins, porpoises, seahorses, jellyfish and octopuses (the plural of which can also be spelled as octopi and octopodes; no wonder these tentacled denizens of the briny deep are so very interesting).

Get ready to explore the ocean depths without ever having to get your feet wet. Ahoy!

- "The Breath of a Whale: The Science and Spirit of Pacific Ocean Giants" by Leigh Calvez.
- "Dolphin Confidential: Confessions of a Field Biologist" by Maddalena Bearzi.
- "Fathoms: The World in the Whale" by Rebecca Giggs.
- "Octopus, Seahorse, Jellyfish" photographs by David Liittschwager, written by Elizabeth Kolbert.
- "The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness" by Sy Montgomery.
- "Voices in the Ocean: A Journey into the Wild and Haunting World of Dolphins" by Susan Casey.
- "Whales, Dolphins & Porpoises: A Natural History and Species Guide" by Annalisa Berta.



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