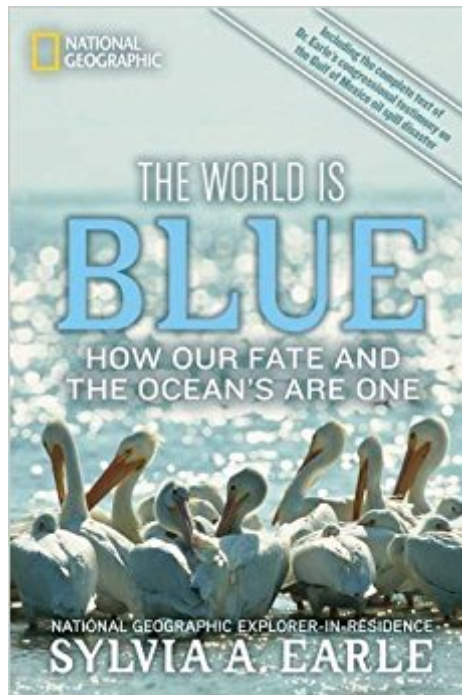


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The World Is Blue: How Our Fate And The Ocean's Are One



Synopsis

This book tie-in to National Geographic's ambitious 5-year ocean initiative—focusing on overfishing—is written in National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Sylvia Earle's accessible yet hard-hitting voice. Through compelling personal stories she puts the current and future peril of the ocean and the life it supports in perspective for a wide public audience.

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"In her new book, *The World Is Blue: How Our Fate and the Ocean's Are One*, Earle explains how close we are to a tipping point. —Bloomberg.com

Known worldwide as the Ambassador for the Ocean, Sylvia Earle is also TIME magazine's first "Hero for the Planet" and National Geographic's first Explorer in Residence. She is former NOAA Chief Scientist, and the first person to walk untethered at the lowest depth ever—1,250 feet. She is a major force in the establishment and growth of the world's marine sanctuaries and was personally responsible for convincing President Bush that the recently named sanctuary in Hawaii should be protected. She is founder and director of Deep Ocean Research and Exploration, which designs instruments for deep-sea exploration. She is author of 15 books on the ocean.

Sylvia Earle is the Jacques Cousteau of this generation, and more. Not only is she a wonderful spokeswoman for the sea, it has been her career to study and protect it for many years. The World

is Blue is a plea for help for the ocean from one of its biggest and most knowledgeable supporters. She'll tell you why the oceans are in danger, and the few small things you need to do to help protect them. All of this is presented in interesting, lively language that's easy to read; never does it get dry or preachy. It feels like she's writing a biography about an old friend. I would recommend this book for everyone, but I think the most important and the most interested would be those who love the ocean and work with the ocean. Now on to format-specific notes. I have both the print edition and the e-book edition for my Kindle Keyboard. It's one of my favorite books, so I want to carry it around with me anywhere. The book translates fairly well into e-book format. All of the photographs in the print book are black and white, which are beautiful on the e-ink screen. There are a few tables and photographs that get split up in a strange way on the Kindle, as well as a whole mess of appendices with data tables in the back of the book, but if you're reading this for enjoyment and not for reference, it's not bothersome.

From a world-renowned oceanic scientist who has seen with her own eyes what we have done and are continuing to do to the oceans over the past 50 years. She covers every type of sea life from plankton to the great whales, and everything we are doing to the oceans from over-fishing to mining, drilling, rock-hopping dredges, and human-caused changes in the very chemistry of the ocean. Then she tells us why all of this should matter to us: we will not survive if the oceans don't survive, and she explains why. But all is not lost..... YET. Along with describing the over 400 "dead zones" we have created in the ocean, she also describes what she calls the "hope spots," Marine Protected Areas that have been/are being established to protect "the blue heart of the planet," and what we can all do to help. The book also includes her award-winning TED speech, a list of protected marine sites, and a list of web sites for oceanic conservation, scientific exploration, and other groups working to protect the ocean. Should be required reading for anyone with even a small speck of environmentalism in their bodies !

Good book from a respected oceanographer. I would say that "The Ocean of Life" by Callum Roberts is a more comprehensive book on the challenges that human civilization is placing on the oceans. But this book adopts a much more hopefully tone, and is, as a result, a much easier read that still hits the major topics. Either and both books are worth reading.

Excellent and highly valuable. The book is as the title says, speaking of the interconnection of the oceans and all of life on Earth. This should be required reading in schools.

While telling you how important the ocean is to our very being--especially as a source of atmospheric oxygen (70%)--and how we are trashing it, she conveys her love and joy of the ocean. But, boy are we in trouble, if we don't stop polluting.

I love Sylvia Earle. She is such an incredible woman. She is very committed to the ocean environment. It is an incredible life story and inspiration for anyone who reads this.

This book is an incredible read. It touches on so many topics regarding the Ocean, conservation, and industry and manages to weave them together in a way that really impresses upon you how connected things are. She continually refers to the Ocean as life on earth's "Life Support System", driving that point home. For those in the fields of marine biology, ecology, evolution, or oceanography, Earle alludes to the seminal works and studies. However, the book is easily accessible to those in the "general public" that may not be as versed in the current scientific literature or just don't know where to start but are still passionate about the environment and the Ocean. Pick this up used for super cheap and never regret it! Sylvia A. Earle will light a fire in you that is not easily quenched. The newer editions have her TED talk and Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill congressional testimony, just fyi.

The book itself is marvelous, however, the condition of mine said it was "very good" but came with a bunch of ripped pages and the cover was also ripped.

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