

# Book Review

## Beneath Irish Seas:

The Hidden Wonders of Ireland's  
Amazing Marine Life

by Nigel Motyer

by Peter Rowlands

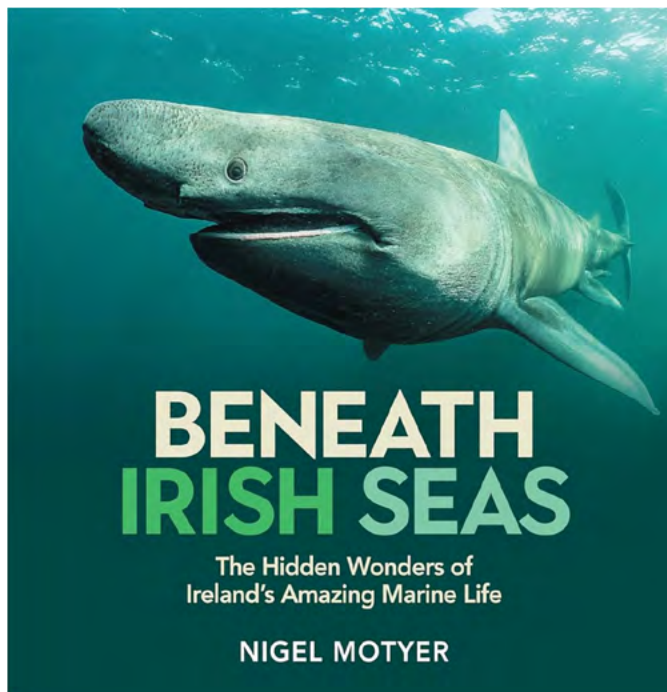
We tend only to review books about underwater photography - techniques, equipment and so on - but this new book by Nigel Motyer breaks the trend and deserves special treatment.

I think it's fair to say that this review will probably not encourage too many sales within the underwater photography community; an underwater photographer rarely relishes receiving a book of another underwater photographers images so this review is to encourage present seekers to buy this book for non divers to show them just how stunning the underwater world is and especially in Irish waters.

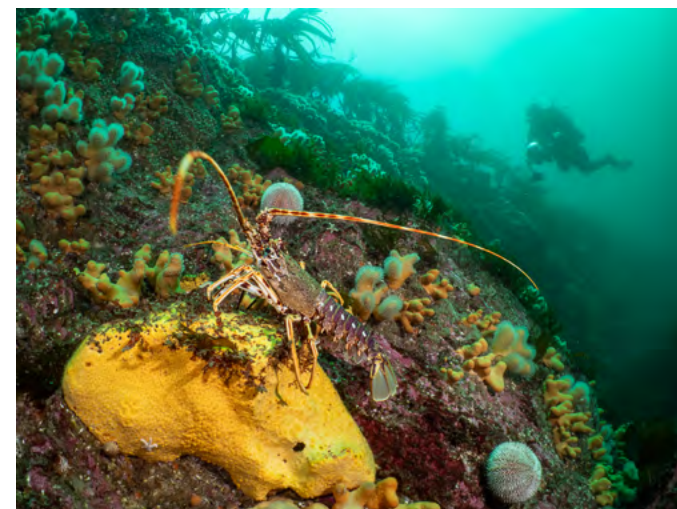
Captured over 4 decades, this collection of images is a celebration of the extraordinary depth and variety of subjects and environments from this isle in the North Atlantic, little visited by travelling underwater photographers.

225 hard back pages, 23cm x 22cm in size, full to bursting with high quality images of the the vibrant marine life, where conditions can be trying photographically, from all corners of the isle combine to give comprehensive coverage including excellent topography and aerial images, this book is a testament to an environment which is pristine because it is respected and well cared for.

The subjects are world class - whales, seals and dolphins obviously - but the extraordinary



images of basking sharks are probably unique in the world and, for maybe the first time ever, capture previously unknown group behaviour which looks almost certainly like a mating aggregation. These images are quite breathtaking in the sheer number of sharks, and these are big creatures - the

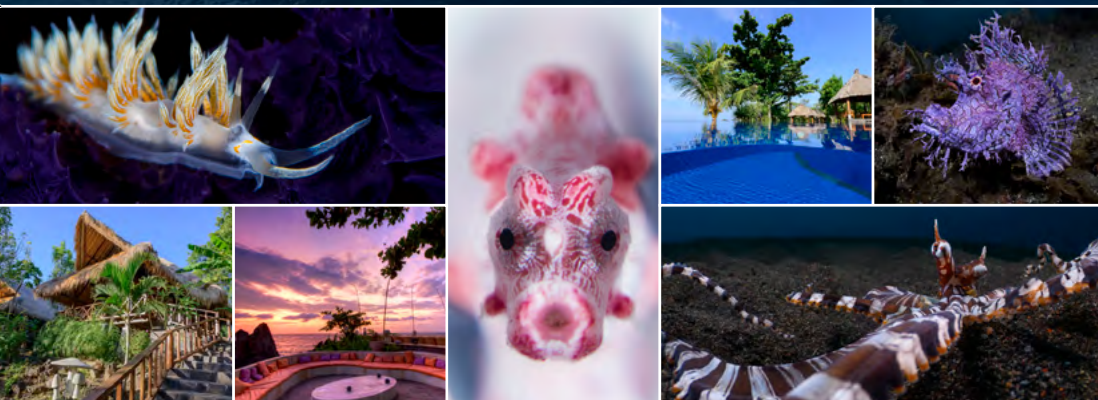


second largest fish in the sea, in fact, but also the compositions capture perfectly how exciting, and daunting, it must have been to be amongst them. This section of images elevate this book to a whole new level and are worth the price of admission alone - €27.99 with the electronic version just €9.99.

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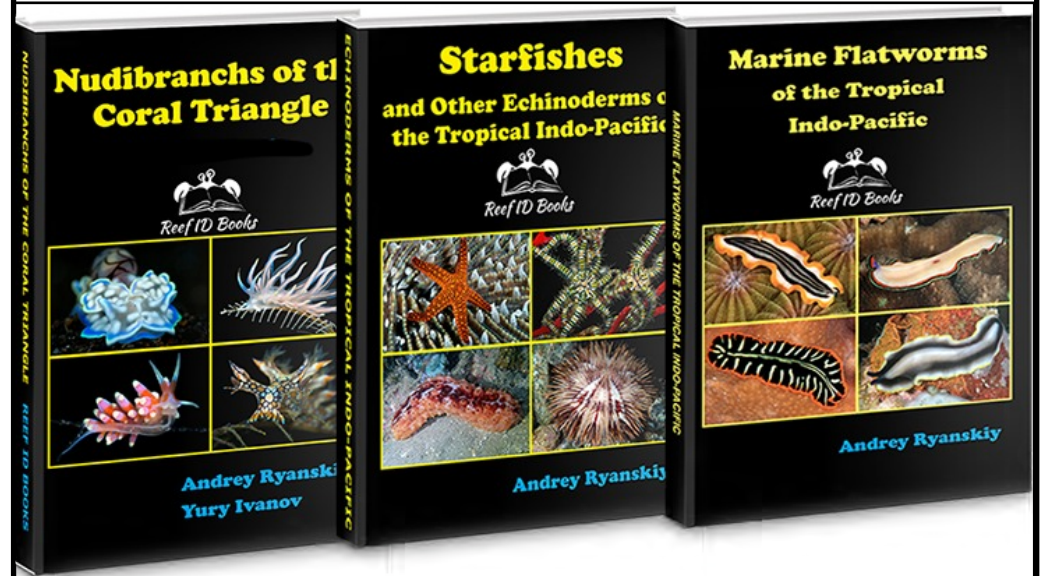
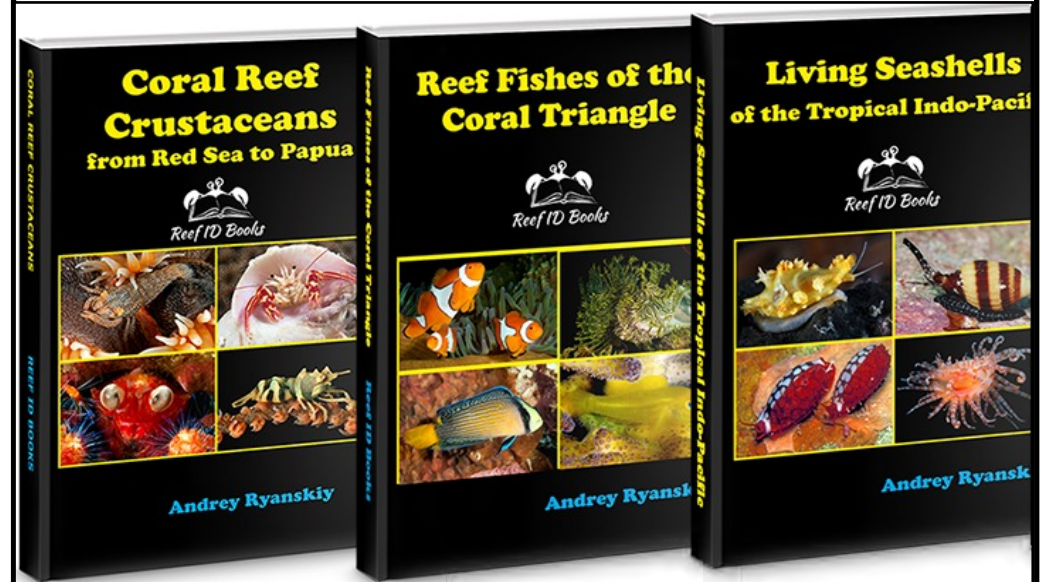


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