

# ALL ABOUT FISH



**DID YOU KNOW** there are over 30,000 different types of fish in the world?!

Fish can be found virtually anywhere there are bodies of water  
—from high up in mountain streams, all the way down to some of the deepest parts of the ocean.

Fish come in different shapes, colors, patterns and sizes.  
They can live in freshwater or saltwater, grow as big as a whale, and be as colorful as the rainbow!

Some are ray-finned or lobe-finned, plankton-feeders or meat-eaters.

Some hold the record as being the fastest ocean-swimmers,  
while others are content at being reclusive bottom-dwellers.

## THE LIST OF FISHY-FEATURES IS ENDLESS!

Like all other living organisms, fish rely on a combination  
of adaptations & behaviors to ensure their survival.

Flat-fishes like halibut & turbot are physically suited to spend  
much of their time buried in the sandy bottom hidden from predators.

While the fast reflexes of reef fish & eels make it easy for them to dart  
into the safety of a rocky crevice or sea cave.

Whether you dive, snorkel or ‘snuba’,  
a respected **ICHTHYOLOGIST**,  
or just a fish fanatic,

—California’s rocky reefs, underwater canyons, seagrass gardens & kelp forests,  
as well as its Underwater Parks & State Marine Reserves  
are teeming with an abundant array of marine fishes to study & admire,  
including— rockfish, blacksmith, sardines & mackerel, surfperch, sculpins, kelp & giant sea bass,  
moray eels, pipefish, sharks & rays, the California halibut, sheephead, and the Garibaldi.

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So grab your mask, fins and snorkel and join us as we get up close & personal with the classification of fish  
known as **OSTEICHTHYES** —or bony fish!

You have all the tools you need to begin your voyage at the touch of your keypad.

Here’s what you’ll need to get started. It’s super easy!

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**LEARN ABOUT THE VAST COLLECTION OF MARINE FISH ALONG CALIFORNIA’S COAST  
-FROM THE GIANT SEA BASS TO THE BLUEBANDED GOBY & BEYOND!**

# All About Fish Book List by Grade

## Preschool & Kindergarten

- ✚ The Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen
- ✚ Think of an Eel by Karen Wallace

## First & Second

- ✚ The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs by Kate Messner
- ✚ DK (Eyewitness Books) Fish – Discover the Amazing World of Fish & How They Live by Steve Parker

## Third & Fourth

- ✚ Ocean Photoclear Book by Dan Kainen
- ✚ Atlas of Ocean Adventures: Plunge into the Depths of the Ocean & Discover Wonderful Sea Creatures, Incredible Habitats and Unmissable Underwater Events by Emily Hawkins

## Fifth & Sixth

- ✚ 100 Dives of a Lifetime: The World's Ultimate Underwater Destinations by Carrie Miller
- ✚ Seahorses: A Life-Size Guide to Every Species by Sara A. Lourie

## Seventh & Eighth

- ✚ A Life Among Fishes: The Art of Gyotaku by Christopher M. Dewees
- ✚ Wild Ocean: America's Parks Under the Sea by Sylvia Earle & Henry Wolcott

## Ninth & Up

- ✚ Eels: An Exploration, From New Zealand to the Sargasso, of the World's Most Mysterious Fish by James Prosek
- ✚ Your Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body by Neil Shubin
- ✚ Miller and Lea's Guide to the Coastal Marine Fishes of California  
by Milton S. Love & Julianne Kalman Passarelli

*"I think  
of the ocean  
as the blue heart  
of the planet"*

— Sylvia Earle