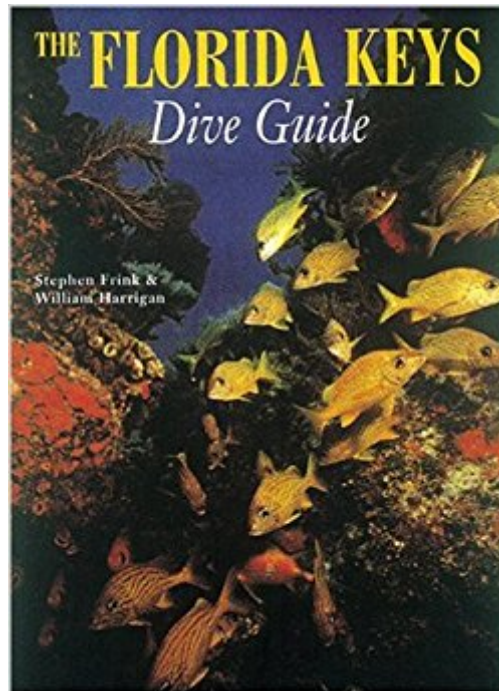




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Synopsis

Described as an excellent investment for divers in the press, Abbeville's exciting scuba diving travel books combine the best in underwater photography with the most complete, in-depth, and practical information on the world's most popular diving sites. Three-dimensional maps in full color of each site illustrate 27 of the most spectacular dives in the Florida Keys. These maps offer what no book has ever before provided: the information needed to plan your dive down to the last detail. You can review the exact layout of the site--including depths, sizes, and distances between reefs and wrecks or any hazards--and even the lighting conditions for optimum underwater photography. The short chapters covering each dive provide crucial data about depths, currents, weather variables, and plant and animal life, and each book ends with a full-color visual encyclopedia of the most common fish that inhabit the area. The experts' lively text has been vetted by Diving Science and Technology Corp. (DSAT), which is a corporate affiliate of Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI), making these the most reliable guides for the expert as well as the first-time diver. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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A must-have. . . . At once beautiful and infinitely practical. -- Rodale's Scuba Diving, Nov./Dec. 1998
Particularly useful [are the] color drawings of dozens of fish species. -- Los Angeles Times, September 13, 1998

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This book can please every scuba diver interested on the Florida Keys. Great layout; nice, glossy paper; loads of inspiring pictures; super cool maps of EACH dive site; expert advice from knowledgeable writers who clearly love the Keys. For such a beautiful book - though not hard-cased, it can fare well on a diver's coffee-table - this guide is a GREAT value for the money. This book provides substantial help in preparing for your first trips to the only living reef in the continental USA. It can also inspire the seasoned Florida diver to remember the good times underwater and how precious the Keys are. A fitting tribute to a nature wonder... a most useful guide for a diving vacation... Highly recommended!

As a beginning diver, I found this book to be very informative. It lists practically every reef in the Florida Keys. I especially like the reef maps which show what there is to see at what depth. Then after each reef map, there are photos of what there is to see at that site. It is a paperback, but it has glossy pages and great photos. I thought it was an excellent book - at a value price!

It would be ideal if we had the coordinates for these sites so that we could input them into GPS, otherwise pictures and details are excellent.

I should have paid closer attention to the copyright date (2003). Some of the wrecks illustrated in this book have changed quite a bit in the last 5 years so the drawings are of little real use. There are newer wrecks that are not mentioned at all since, at the time of publishing, they were still afloat. There is still a lot of good information regarding older wrecks and reef though.

This is a seminal book with good photos and discussions of the Keys' dive sites. It is most informative. I have dived a number of the sites, and the book's descriptions are accurate and informative.

I'm a Divemaster and Guide in Key Largo. This book is by far the best written guide I have found for the Keys. Because of who the author is my expectations for the 3D underwater diagrams was unrealistically high. The author does an exceptional job detailing points of interest and highlights you don't want to miss. Buy this book!

This is the best diving book about the Keys in this website. It is a fascinating look at many of the bigger reefs in the Keys. We used this book as a reference source for creating our website. It is filled with beautiful photos, all taken on the reefs described therein. It has diveplan maps to follow, history, fish descriptions, and many other helpful facts relevant to divers.

I found this book to be an excellent review of diving sites in the Fla. Keys. Not only did it describe sites but the drawings describing dives from boats was excellent! I cannot say enough about how well this book is presented and it should be an invaluable resource for all of us who dive in the Keys

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