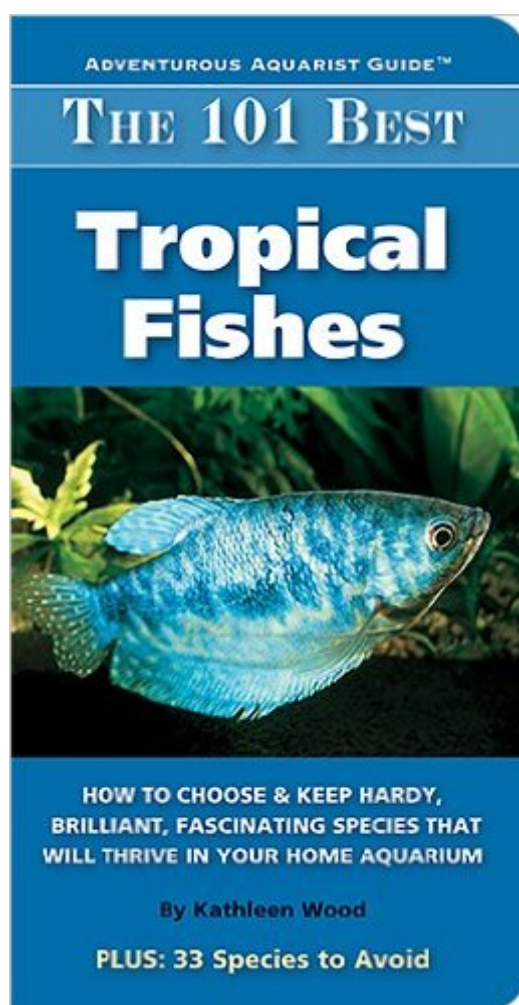


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# **The 101 Best Tropical Fishes: How To Choose & Keep Hardy, Brilliant, Fascinating Species That Will Thrive In Your Home Aquarium (Adventurous Aquarist Guide)**



## Synopsis

The 101 Best Tropical Fishes features exclusive tips on the basics of selecting fishes, mixing and matching livestock in aquariums of various sizes, building compatible communities, husbandry basics for each species, and expert tricks for keeping fishes healthy and colorful. Suitable for both new and intermediate hobbyists, the book is organized for instant look-up, with color coding to highlight species that will fit into aquarium systems of different sizes along with full-color identifying photos for each fish.

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## Customer Reviews

There is lots of content in this little book. I believe it is best suited to a new hobbyist as he/she walks through an aquarium shop looking at their stock. An experienced hobbyist usually knows what they like and how they will behave. Just the same, the book can produce a few surprises. For example, I was reading about Ram Dwarf Cichlids, an old favorite of mine, but soon found myself drawn to the Cockatoo Dwarf Cichlid, a fish with many of the same characteristics but much more colorful (and expensive!). I'll try them someday, and this was the book that pointed them out to me.

This is an OK book for one which seeks only to cover the "basic" species of tropical fish. But the editor ought to hang their head in shame. The index is fraught with errors! Page numbers given for a particular species do not match what pages they are actually on to a large extent, especially with the tetras. In another place, the captions underneath a group of photos of swordtails read rainbow fish! It seems as though this book was sort of put together a bit too quickly for a thorough, ordinary review. That said, looking past the errors, this is an OK book, as I've said, and very much in the

same idiom as the companion volume on plants by the same company. I use my copy of this work as a backup to my "A to Z" book. Basically to corroborate what it says and vice versa. Nothing like having two sources opinions on a given species.

This is a great product. It's full of really great photos of the fishes along with detailed information on them. A wonderful guide for the beginning aquarium keeper. It gives both feeding and care as well as habitat and community tank advice on which fish to put together and which might lead to not so pleasant misadventure. It's easy to read and understand even for younger audience just staring out to learn about fish. I highly recommend it to anyone with a love o fish or an interest in getting started in keeping an aquarium.

This was my first fish book. I still look through it even now for ideas of the types of fish I want in a new tank. The information is basic and sometimes redundant (mostly on the eating habits of the same species of fish) but it does include pictures and essentials like the adult size of the fish and what parts of the tank they inhabit. The book is alphabetized by their common name (goldfish, guppy, etc) and includes fishes to avoid. It also has several pages with examples of compatible fishes for 10(38L), 20, 30, and 50 gallon tanks. The book really emphasizes getting fish that are compatible with each other and the right size / how many for the tank you have. Although this book is not in-depth, it's a nice quick guide to common fish you can find mostly at your local pet store. I have more books now and experience and I still like looking through this book (plus it's easier to carry around in my purse, especially when internet is too slow on my phone). I really like the listing of peaceful fish and smaller fish. The book does \*not\* show you how to set up and maintain a tank nor does it show you how to diagnose sick fish or care for live plants. It touches very briefly in these areas but you will need to look elsewhere for proper coverage. Overall, I don't regret the purchase.

The descriptions are useful when they are there but for a lot of the 101 species there is just a picture and ID and you have to infer what the fish's likes and needs are from those of the main entry for that type of fish. The binding is cheap and arrived damaged and the adhesive that holds the cover on where it is cut and folded under to make the rounded corners is peeling up in places. It is OK for taking with you when you are going to browse at the pet shop or to an aquarium society meeting, but there are better books out there.

This book is good as far as a quick look-up guide for common tropical fish. It suggests what size

tank the fish needs and how they should be kept (in schools, in pairs), and tells the fish's temperament and food needs. It has examples of "model" tanks for 10 g, 20 g, etc, that are proven to be harmonious according to the book. It also has a section of tropical fish to avoid. One aspect the book is missing are the water parameters (soft water, hard water, temperature) necessary for the fish, which is extremely important when choosing what fish to keep, and what fish can be kept together. I suggest purchasing this book used; it's not worth its full retail price.

I love this book and all of its pictures. I use it to plan out future tanks and pick out fish combinations. It has tons of info, but in some specific descriptions/care of fish it is lacking a bit. Overall though, a great book and I would recommend it to anyone looking for a little guide on fish.

I got the sample of the book and thought it was going to be great so I purchased it. Then as I went through there were no longer photos with the species! It's not as if the photos that it did have were great but they were better than nothing...but in the end most of the species had nothing. I returned this for a refund and will try to find a better kindle fish book. I have a good marine fish one but wanted a freshwater fish book...guess I still do want one.

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