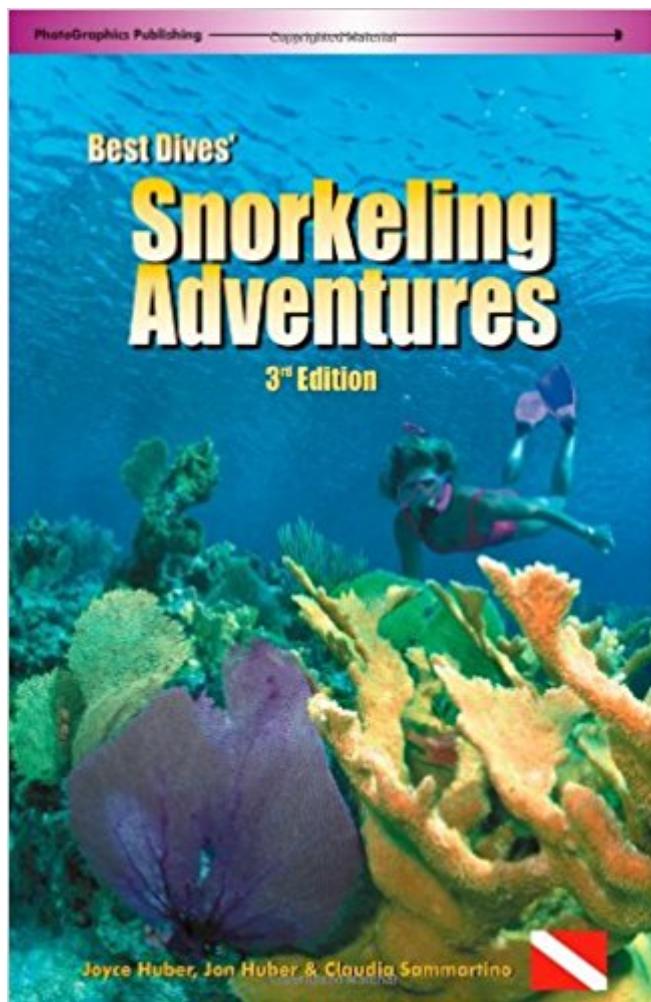


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# Best Dives' Snorkeling Adventures (3rd Edition)



## **Synopsis**

The best places to snorkel in Aruba, along Australia's Great Barrier Reef, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cozumel and the Yucatan, Curacao, Dominica, Florida Keys, Florida Springs, Galapagos Islands, Guadeloupe, Hawaii, Honduras' Bay Islands, Puerto Rico, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Lucia, Turks & Caicos, and the United States Virgin Island. This includes starfish-rated beach and boat entry sites, manatee tours, shallow shipwrecks, the best coral gardens, underwater photo tips, snorkeling cruises and what you need to know about sharks.

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## **Customer Reviews**

"...This terrific book will be packed along with our gear for all of our future snorkeling adventures."

-- Echo and Kevin Garett, The Caribbean for Dummies (IDG Books) "...details the best places to see underwater life with strapping on a tank." -- Elaine Glusac, American Airlines "A terrific vacation planner! Don't leave home without it." -- Ken Liggett, Underwater Sports of NJ "Pack this one in your dive bag...Every chapter is packed with clear, factual information..." -- Brenda Fine, Travel Holiday Magazine

The authors prior water sports guides include Best Dives of the Caribbean, Adventure Guide to the Florida Keys, Adventure Guide to the Everglades, and Best Dives of the Western Hemisphere.

I've been snorkeling and free diving for 20 years, and I've been to many of these places. This book would be helpful to first time visitors to many places and a guide to help choose some destinations. Having said that, it is not complete coverage in any area. In the Caribbean, Cuba (which has many good areas) and Dominican Republic (which was mostly disappointing) are both missing completely. The comments on currents and water visibility are subjective, of course, but helpful for new people to any area none the less. In Belize, Ambergris Key, I would certainly also warn about the constant boat traffic near shore making any shore snorkeling hazardous. The reef hemms the boats in, so you need to boat out to it or take your life in your hands! A very brief mention of a couple areas in Australia, but missing others equally accessible and good. The South Pacific and Coral Sea are still top snorkeling destinations - just a really long ways off.

This is a disappointing book. After reading the other reviews, I expected good tips on locations and precise directions on how to get to them. In general, the book has neither. The recommendations for snorkeling locations seem conventional and uninspired, with the authors missing some of the best spots on islands I am familiar with. Dominica without Souffriere crater? Hawaii's Big Island without Kapoho? Please. And to actually find the spots that are listed, you'll have to get directions elsewhere, because this book will often have nothing more specific than "on the island's western coast." Lodging recommendations are likewise uninspired--no hidden gems here, just the basic resort hotels you might find in a 10-second Google search. In fairness, the book is better with some locations than others. For example, the authors seem pretty familiar with Bonaire, and this book may be a reasonably good source for that island--although there are probably better ones.

I've recently embraced snorkeling, and one of my biggest frustrations is the number of books that combine snorkeling and diving... and then focus almost wholly on the diving. Since many of us cannot get PADI certified (for example, if we've ever had asthma), we're left with only snippets and leftovers of information. But that's NOT the case with "Best Dives' Snorkeling Adventures." This book does an excellent job of listing and rating snorkeling sites around the world (though mostly near the USA, Caribbean, and northern South America). It lists recommended dive shops in those areas, and even offers suggestions of where to stay. And best of all? It's for those of us who SNORKEL. I hope that when they put out a 4th edition, Huber, Huber, & Sammartino include a page or so on Florida's Golden Coast (Fort Lauderdale, etc.) or, really, \*any\* other East Coast US snorkeling sites, assuming any exist (their main focus on the US itself includes the Florida Keys, Florida Springs, and Hawaii). Still, I'm now far better prepared to choose my next snorkeling

vacation destination, so I'm rating this 5 stars.

Snorkeled mostly so not as helpful this trip. Perhaps for next visit. Water quality outstanding. Could see down 60ft clearly as sharks cruised the drop off edge. Close enough for me

Yes its a book with whats out there in the Caribbean. Since it cost alot to travel/hotel/eat. Make sure you snorkel the best.. Don't dream it... Do it..DB

very satisfied

I was surprised to find out that the title did not tell the truth. The writers did not include half the world. The indian ocean for example is missing.

While most travel guides give vague descriptions about snorkeling or send me to places with nothing to see, Best Dives Snorkeling Adventures gives complete vacation planning details with maps and directions to terrific places in each destination to snorkel off the beach, sign up for a boat trip. IT COVERS all the best Caribbean, Bahamas and Bermuda snorkeling sites, the dive shops that will take you on boat tours and resorts that are especially dive-friendly. Great for families, novice and experienced divers.

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