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## What's New at SCUBA Travel?



### Gifts for Divers

Stuck for ideas for presents for scuba diving friends? We've some ideas that might help

[Find One...](#)



### Incredible Diving in Mozambique

Find dugongs, dolphins, whales, turtles, whale sharks and manta rays.

[Learn Where...](#)



### Opening-up - Diving Timor-Leste

Another for the more adventurous divers, Timor-Leste or East Timor has pristine coral, sharks, six of the world's seven marine turtle species and more than 2000 species of reef fish.

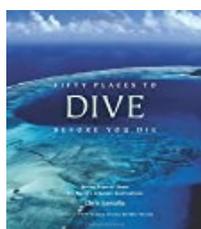
## Revealed: The Diving Bestsellers of 2017

We're pleased to release the list of the best selling SCUBA books and DVDs in 2017.

*Fifty Places to Dive Before You Die* keeps the top spot for another year, although it was run very close by the perennially popular *Dive Atlas of the World*. Four new entries prop up the list, including the interesting *Deep*.

A single DVD features - the fascinating [Blue Planet II](#). (If you haven't seen it then watch it - even if you look at none of the other items in the list.)

Here are the top ten: figures in brackets show the previous year's position.

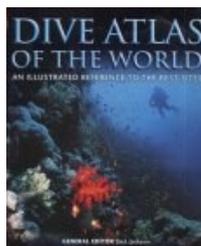


1. **[Fifty Places to Dive Before You Die: Diving Experts Share the World's Greatest Destinations](#)**

by Chris Santella

The fifth in Santella's bestselling "Fifty Places" series.

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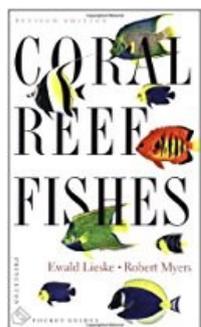


2. **[Dive Atlas of the World: An Illustrated Reference to the Best Sites](#)**

by Jack Jackson

300 pages detailing some of the world's best dive sites.

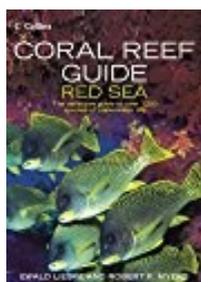
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3. **[Coral Reef Fishes: Indo-Pacific and Caribbean](#)**

by Ewald Lieske, Robert Myers

This goes on all my tropical diving holidays. (3)



4. **[Coral Reef Guide Red Sea](#)**

by Ewald Lieske, Robert Myers

Another from Lieske and Myers, excellent guide to the fish and invertebrates of the Red Sea. (7)



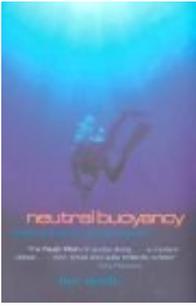
5. **[Scuba Confidential: An Insider's Guide to Becoming a Better Diver](#)**

by Simon Pridmore

Candid, no-nonsense practical advice from a professional who has been involved over the last three



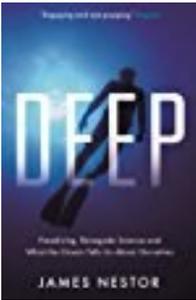
decades with virtually every aspect of the sport. (2)



6. **[Neutral Buoyancy : Adventures in a Liquid World](#)**

by [Tim Ecott](#)

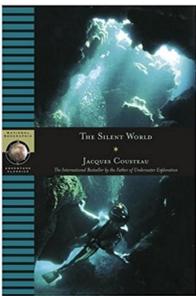
Tales of the characters and episodes in the history of diving: the sponge divers, the second world war saboteurs, the free divers.... (8)



7. **[Deep: Freediving, Renegade Science and What the Ocean Tells Us About Ourselves](#)**

by James Nestor

Chronicles the world of deep-sea pioneers, underwater athletes, scientists, spear fishermen, billionaires and ordinary men and women who are poised on the brink of some amazing discoveries about the ocean. (-)



8. **[The Silent World](#)**

by Jacques-Yves Cousteau and Frederic Dumas  
50th anniversary of the scuba diving classic (-)



9. **[Northern Wrecks and Reefs Liveboard: Diving Guide and Integrated Logbook](#)**

by Rik Vercoe

Sixth in the Travelling Diver series, it covers the wrecks and reefs you may visit on a liveboard departing from Hurghada in Egypt. (-)



10. **[Blue Planet II](#)**

The DVD of the fabulous Blue Planet II series with David Attenborough (-)

We've interviewed several of the authors featured in this list, including [Jack Jackson](#) and [Tim Ecott](#). See also our [diving book reviews](#).

## 20% Off Pearl of Papua

Dive Raja Ampat to Wayag Island



Valid for selected dates in March

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### Diving News From Around the World

Our round up of the best underwater news stories of the past month. For breaking news see our [Twitter page](#) or [RSS feed](#)



#### [Fiji Siren Diving Liveboard Sinks](#)

Fiji Siren liveboard holed beneath surface and sinks. All divers safely abandoned ship.



#### [Scientists track sharks by sampling seawater](#)

New study shows that a sample of seawater can provide the identifiable tracks of numerous species of shark. Much cheaper and faster than current methods.



#### [Record for the longest chain of divers in one session](#)

360 divers in Australia formed an underwater human chain for 15 minutes to win a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.



#### [Sea urchins help scientists develop super-strong cement](#)



A pillar made of the cement could be 8000 m high, and all because of the sea urchin blueprint.



### **[North Atlantic right whales on the brink of extinction](#)**

Fishing nets and lack of food blamed for pushing number of the world's most endangered marine animal to just 450



### **[Guatemala Announces Plan to Clean up Garbage in Caribbean Sea](#)**

Clean the rivers, clean the beaches, stop throwing the garbage into the rivers and close the clandestine dumps and establish an early warning system.



### **[Continuing scourge of microplastics in water to be gauged by new research](#)**

Bits of plastic under 5 millimeters in size - in cosmetics, cleaning products and clothes - are still polluting the sea and building up in oceans.



### **[Critical Habitat Area Proposed for Hawaii's False Killer Whales](#)**

There are three distinct populations of False Killer Whales in Hawaii: Insular, Pelagic, and Northwestern.

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