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内容概要

The oceans form the largest natural habitat on Earth. They dominate the surface of our planet, covering most of it in a swathe of blue. To many of us they are mysterious environments and indeed many parts of them remain unexplored. Yet now, at last, their greatest mysteries are beginning to unravel, as scientists and explorers scan their surfaces and plumb their darkest depths. In the past few years, new light has been shed on this previously alien world and in the process many marvels have been discovered. Written by a respected natural history author, this book gathers together all that we now know about the oceans and the incredible variety of life they contain. In its pages Daniel Gilpin takes the reader on a journey from the familiar waters of the coastline to the open ocean, polar waters, and the depths of the sea. Each step of the way is illustrated with stunning photography, capturing the true beauty of the ocean environment and introducing its most charismatic and spectacular inhabitants. Life on our planet began in the oceans. Every living thing on Earth--ourselves included--can trace its ancestry back to organisms that once lived in the sea. Today the oceans are home to a dazzling host of creatures. Some of them are relatively recent additions to the tree of life, while others have barely changed since they first evolved hundreds of millions of years ago. All of them have one thing in common--they are survivors, each perfectly adapted for life in the sea. To the casual observer, the oceans might seem homogeneous, a vast expanse of water stretching endlessly over the globe. This book, however, shows them to be anything but. From the poles to the tropics they contain almost endless variety, posing challenges to life in some places while in others offering it tremendous opportunities to flourish and thrive. As you read, you will begin to see this normally hidden world with new eyes, and gain a new understanding and appreciation of the environment many naturalists consider to be the planet's best kept secret.

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