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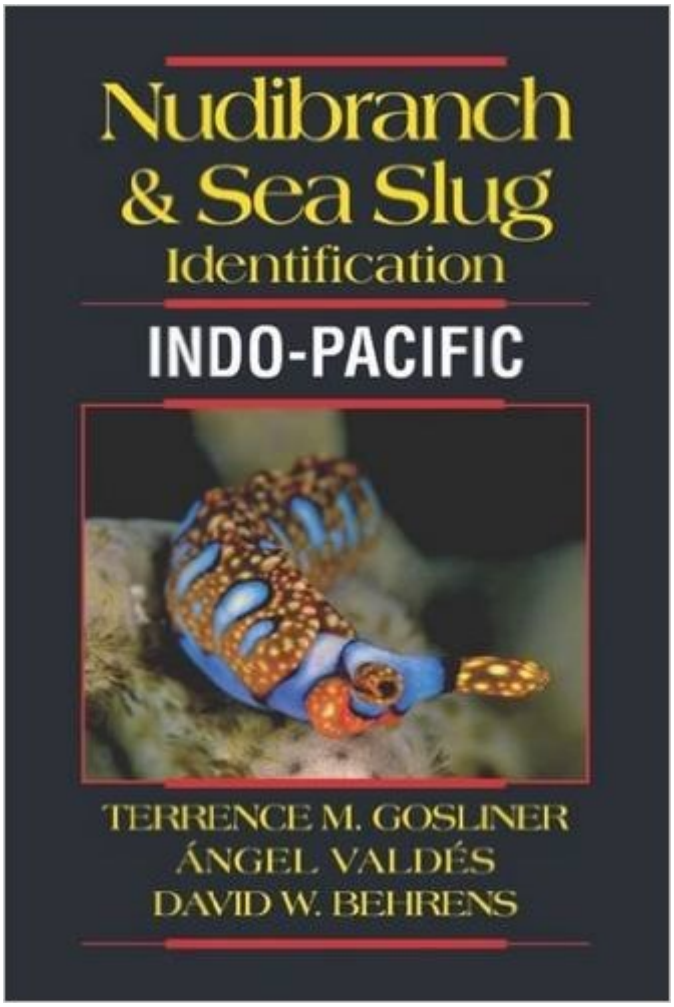

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Synopsis

Three leading scientific experts on nudibranchs and sea slugs collaborate to produce a comprehensive guide for divers to the Indo-Pacific region. Terrence Gosliner, Ã•ngel ValdÃ©s and David Behrens previously worked together on the 2008 publication of Indo-Pacific Nudibranchs and Sea Slugs. The new book Nudibranch and Sea Slug Identification - Indo-Pacific is an improved version of that work, including more than 500 additional photos and species. The Indo-Pacific represents the largest expanse of tropical ocean in the world, stretching from the Indian Ocean coast of southern Africa and the Red Sea to the central Pacific of the Hawaiian Islands, Easter Island and the Marquesas. This region supports the most diverse marine fauna of any place in the world for most groups of organisms. The opisthobranchs (nudibranchs and other sea slugs) are no exception to this rule. There are about 3,000 described species of opisthobranchs in the world and at least 40% of these have been found exclusively in the Indo-Pacific tropics. This book illustrates 1,953 Indo-Pacific opisthobranchs, including many undescribed species. With the evolution of chemical defenses and the loss of the shell, came the evolution of the bright color patterns that are the signature of nudibranch diversity; vivid colors advertise the presence of toxicity or distastefulness. Other species went down the track of being cryptic, blending in with their surroundings and some evolved amazing strategies of resembling their specific prey. All of this beauty and color is on full display in 2,248 photographs on 408 pages.

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It’s no surprise that Terrence Gosliner is the world’s leading authority on Indo-Pacific sea slugs, just as John E. Randall is the leading authority on Indo-Pacific fishes. In keeping with the latest taxonomic revisions, this book greatly updates the taxonomy of Indo-Pacific sea slugs and adds new species, including reversing the placement of the Jolly Green Giant in Ceratosoma as Ceratosoma sinuata. Interestingly, the unnamed species of Goniobranchus from Midway reminds me of Goniobranchus petechialis, especially the mantle coloration pattern.If anyone is interested in shelless gastropods, I recommend this lavish field guide.

Extensive listing of nudibranchs and related species but written for those with scientific background. Very difficult to use for divers/photographers or those not familiar with scientific terminology. Unlike other books in this series this one provides NO guidelines to help with identification. That means you must search though EVERY page of photographs trying to make identification, almost a complete waste of money for my purposes, very disappointing

Okay. For those that need the definitive ID book here it is. I photographed a nudi in Indonesia but couldn’t find it in any of my ID books. A friend pointed me to this book where my little guy was identified as a type and species number. No name but still there.

Like Neville Coleman’s revised nudibranch book I purchased this to take to Indonesia and leave at the dive center we frequent. The previous edition of this book published by Sea Challenger was fantastic but no longer in print and the used versions, if available, were unbelievably expensive. I am so happy this is out in this form. The information and photos are excellent. I like this format as it is smaller and easier to pack for dive trips.

To me this is the best book on the market for nudibranch and sea slug identification.Very well organized and presented.

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