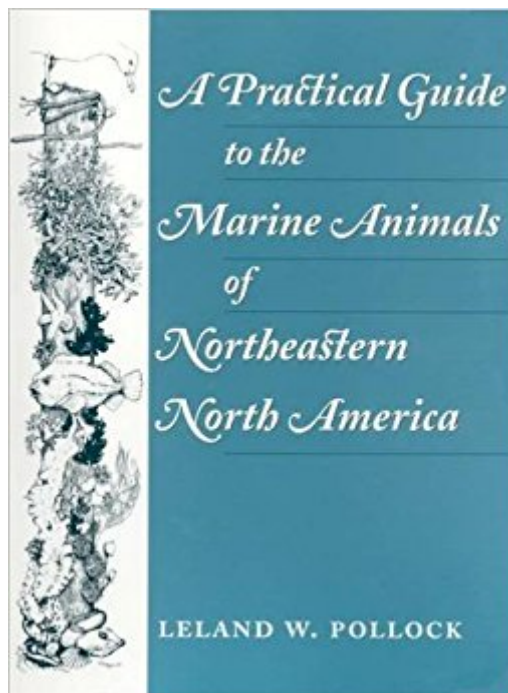




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Customer Reviews

Ranging from the Canadian maritime provinces to Cape Hatteras, this comprehensive field guide covers macrofauna, i.e., both vertebrates and invertebrates visible to the unaided eye, that live from high-tidal-water levels to the margin of the offshore continental shelf. Reptiles, such as marine turtles, and mammals, such as whales and dolphins, are included, but insects, arachnids, and birds are excluded. Users can identify a totally unknown marine organism through a tabular key system and are then referred to more detailed descriptions in such sources as R.W. Miner's *Field Book of Seashore Life* (1950) and Audubon Society *Field Guide to North American Seashore Creatures* (1981). Practical advice on timing field trips to the tides, basic field techniques, and safety guidelines are all provided by Pollock (biology, Drew Univ.), who has taught field courses in marine science for many years and draws upon this experience. The text is profusely illustrated, with some illustrations taken from authoritative earlier sources that are fully acknowledged and others original to this volume. A six-page bibliography of sources and a bibliography of illustration credits are included for further study. A valuable addition to the reference collections of undergraduate academic libraries as well as specialized collections in biology.

Judith Barnett, Pell Marine Science, Lib., Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston

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"Pollock's tabular format provides a more natural approach to organism identification. This well-written guide is an excellent supplementary text for a field-oriented marine biology course, but also stands well on its own." -- Kenneth A. Thomas, Hillsborough Community College

I would recommend this book for anyone who is serious about tidepooling or teaching any sort of marine biology in the northeast. The dichotomous key is tricky to wrap your head around at first but once you get it, this will be invaluable. This was a required text for my undergraduate marine biology course and I have since purchased another copy to teaching use. 100% recommend this.

Book came a little scuffed...

The product was advertised as "very good" condition. I would rate it as "good." Picky, picky, I know. In any event, it was delivered quickly, and the inside was in good shape.

Great book, super detailed, a little hard to navigate but once you figure it out the book is very accurate.

Leland W. Pollock's *A Practical Guide to the Marine Animals of Northeastern North America* is what I have been searching for ever since getting into inverts. For the region, I have been using Kenneth L. Gosner's *Guide to Identification of Marine and Estuarine Invertebrates*--Cape Hatteras to the Bay of Fundy, but my copy is very worn, not to mention it is out of print. I have bought two copies after it was out of print, with my last one purchased for much more than the original cover price. And although esthetically pleasing and good for a second, conformational source, books such as Peterson's guides lack the minutia that I need to truly identify an invert to species. Pollock uses a tabular key system which works well with his many illustrations. It's neat that he included animals with spines, because someday I might get into them. This is a good text for an individual who wants

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