



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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May Book News:

Very positive reviews from Publishers Weekly (told with “the vivacious energy of a cracking good storyteller”) and from Booklist (a “sparkling exposition”).

Also, a nice endorsement from Wendy Benchley, ocean advocate and wife of the late Peter Benchley, author of *Jaws*:

What a Fish Knows is a delightful and fascinating book that should be read by all who have dismissed fishes, especially the smaller denizens of the ocean, as utterly simple, primitive creatures.

Jonathan Balcombe's lively descriptions of fish behavior are backed by solid science.

What Carl Safina's "Beyond Words" did for elephants, wolves, and orcas, Balcombe's book does for fishes. It is a terrific read.

If you live in the Washington, DC, area, please come and invite your friends to a book-signing event at Busboys and Poets, Takoma Park, Monday June 20 at 6:30pm.

New York Times opinion editorial is a go! It's a 1,200 word piece slated to appear in their Sunday Review, date to be determined.

Fish News:

Farmed Fishes:

Half of the world's [farmed fishes](#) have hearing loss due to a deformity of the earbone, new research from the University of Melbourne has found.

The Aquarium Trade:

The aquarium trade laying waste to coral reef habitats and their denizens. The featured species in [this article](#), the Banggai Cardinalfish, is pictured in What A Fish Knows and below.



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Ecuador has created a new 15,000 square mile [marine sanctuary](#) in the Galápagos Islands that will offer protection to the world's greatest concentration of sharks.

Video of the month:

[Archerfishes](#) [load](#) their weapons according to target parameters.



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