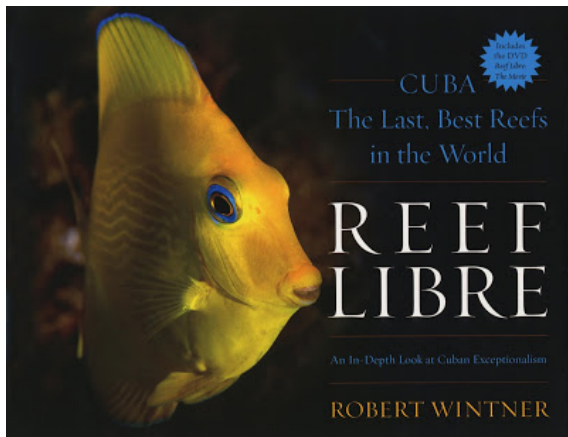


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Review & Giveaway: Reef Libre by Robert Wintner

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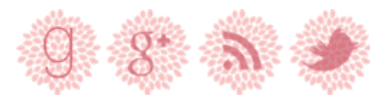
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healthy reef system?

Robert Wintner and the Snorkel Bob Jardines de la Reina Expedition herein provide narrative insight with photos and video. First stop is the baseline: Havana urban density. Down south at Cayo Largo, reef collapse seems imminent with 600 guests changing daily, and the phosphate-laden laundry water flowing directly to

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A DVD comes with the book in a paper sleeve glued to the inside cover. Reef Libre, the movie, runs about an hour.

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(Hardback Edition)

I dearly wish I had the proper words in order to express how much I enjoyed this work of nonfiction. A book that is beyond stunning and well educating to the point that I have learned so much more than I could have ever hoped about both the reefs of Cuba as well as the errors that have been made in the reefs of Hawaii. I certainly was sadden to learn the details of the damages that humanity has caused for profit to the Hawaiian reefs and yet now I have an understanding of what actions should be taken by the United States government to preserve what remains of the reefs.

The book itself is filled with detailed information about Cuba's reefs in a way that was fun to discover as well as to gain new knowledge about what daily life is like under the sea. I seriously must credit the Cuban government for taking the necessary actions to preserve the magical life of under the sea. It is such these actions that will continue to educate both the world and the daily public of what humanity needs to do in order to ensure the survival of both the reefs and lives beneath the ocean.

What I think I enjoyed the most about the book was receiving the first hand experience of how beautiful life generally is in the reefs of Cuba. It is colorful, vibrate and enriched with life that I did not even know existed. The author has done a wonderful job at capturing the heart of the reefs and I enjoyed this book so much that I will always cherish it.

As for the photography of this book it is brilliant and incomparable to anything that I have ever had the pleasure of reviewing. I have learned so much by examining each photo carefully and I feel like between both the writings of the author as well as the photography I have explored the reefs myself without ever having to leave the comforts of my own home. This book will certainly bring you to fall in love with the sea in a new and exciting light.



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Like the book the dvd is equally as interesting and just as fascinating with vivid colors and education.

At the beginning we are introduced to a narration by both the author Bob and his close friend Matt. I really enjoyed the chemistry and the devotion of these two best friends. Both had a dedication and an enthusiasm for nature. Their humor brought to life the Cuban reef in a fun way that I was not expecting while still maintaining the importance of the reef.

What I liked the best about the dvd is it brought to life the many marine life within the depths at a much closer look than the book did. Of course the dvd is not just about under the sea, but instead the film also features life outside the water. So this film has much to offer the reader of the book as well as nature enthusiast such as myself.

In the end both the book and the dvd is highly recommended. I will cherish both the knowledge that I have learned in hopes that we too can begin to preserve our nature in away that the author has understood and presented to his readers.

About the Author



Best known as Snorkel Bob in Hawaii and around the world, Robert Wintner captures Cuba above and below the surface with urgency and hope. As a pioneer in fish portraiture, Wintner demonstrated social structure and etiquette in reef society. Reef Libre goes to political context, in which human folly will squander Cuba's reefs as well—unless natural values can at last transcend political greed. As pundits joust over who did what to whom and why, Wintner ponders reef prospects in view of political

changes.

Robert Wintner has authored many novels and story collections. Reef Libre is his fourth reef commentary with photos and his first overview of survival potential in a political maelstrom. He lives and works in Hawaii, still on the front lines of the campaign to stop the aquarium trade around the world.

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A very close runner up to being a perfect novel but managed to have a few flaws with the romance, characters or plot. The author will need to have a strong voice with an equally exciting plot in order to receive this review.



Although not the best book on the market this material was enjoyable to me. The plot, characters and romance tend to repeat from previous novels/authors that I have read and leaves nothing new to be discovered by either book or by author.



There is not a lot to be loved about this material with the exceptions of a few scenes.



This material is not right for me as I had to force myself to finish the book. The book, characters, plot and romance (if present) is poorly written.



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