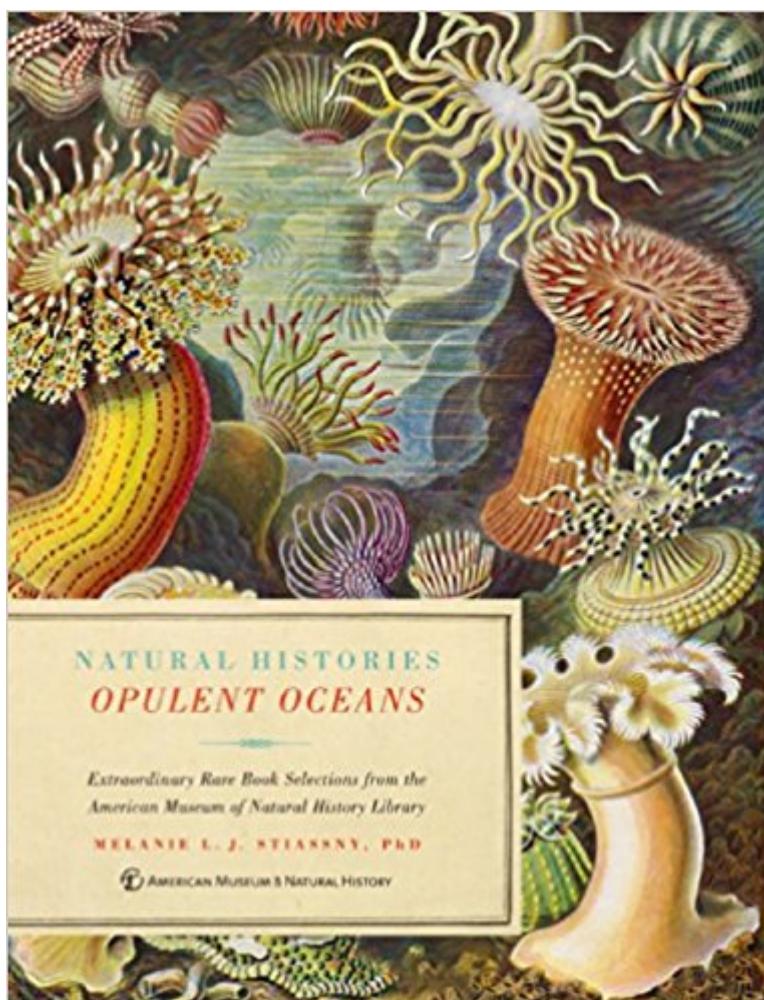


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# Opulent Oceans: Extraordinary Rare Book Selections From The American Museum Of Natural History Library (Natural Histories)



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Without our oceans, which cover almost 72 percent of our planet, Earth simply could not exist. humanity survive. Join author Melanie Stiassny from the American Museum of Natural History on an epic, oceanic journey. These fascinating essays, taken from the museum's Rare Book Collections, expand on the science behind the early histories that shaped the study of oceanography. They take close-up looks at coral, jellyfish, sea worms, whales, sharks, squid, and more, and provide accounts from legendary explorers and early naturalists. This gorgeously illustrated volume, which includes 40 frameable prints, will appeal to every seafaring and natural-science enthusiast. The Natural Histories series introduces today's readers to lost, fully illustrated scientific tomes from the American Museum of Natural History Library's Rare Book Collections. The museum's top experts provide interesting facts and commentary that enrich the original material and appeal to nature, science, and art lovers.

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Melanie L.J. Stiassny, PhD, is the Axelrod Research Curator and Curator-in-Charge of the Department of Ichthyology at the American Museum of Natural History. Her research interests are in the systematics and evolutionary biology of fishes, with a particular focus on freshwater conservation and the biodiversity of Old World tropical systems. In addition to her position at the Museum, Melanie is also an adjunct professor at both Columbia University and the City University of

New York.

I was worried about it being paperback but it comes in a sturdy box with the book and prints inside, so it's basically hardcover. The prints are absolutely stunning on thick paper too. Though I need to research the size so I can frame some of them! Completely in love with purchase!

This book is a multitude of pleasures both intellectual and aesthetic. The essays are scholarly but accessible, and the individual picture plates are wonderful. I absolutely love this book!

What a gorgeous book. I really bought it for the prints, but it's actually just beautiful as a coffee table book. I'm going to frame four of the prints and save myself a lot of money. Similar wall decor is \$100 a piece.

The color plates are magnificent. The articles are compelling and written for the educated layperson. This book is a must for any naturalist's library.

My boyfriend is an oceanographer and I got this for him last Christmas. He absolutely loved it. The prints are gorgeous and we have plans to frame our favorites eventually and hang them up.

Love it!

Such an amazing book. We have taken 3 of the "plates" and framed them.

Wonderful illustrations

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