Finding Nemo: The Essential Guide

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**Synopsis**

Disney/Pixar Studios, the vanguard film production company responsible for the revolution in computer generated animation, brings us its latest creation in Finding Nemo. This underwater adventure stars a shy clownfish on a mission to save his son, Nemo, who has been taken from their home in the coral reef. DK and Pixar have teamed up again to bring animation fans an essential visual guide to the film, detailing the creative process behind the scenes and showing readers everything they might want to know about the characters, story, imagery, and magic of the next hit family film from the creators of Monsters, Inc., Toy Story, Toy Story 2, and A Bug’s Life.

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

This book is a must for anyone who liked "Finding Nemo"!!! You might think at first it's just a "kiddie" book, but look inside!! It's got TONS of vital information you won't get even from the movie itself. Glossy pages, big colorful pictures, and overflowing humor make this an entertaining book--one that's fun for everybody because it's not terribly short. The greatest thing about the guide is that it's set up just like a real Eyewitness Handbook of Aquarium Fish from Dorling-Kindersley! It even includes the little arrows that point out specific features of each animal's body. This book is really great fun. Like all the Essential Guides, it isn't 100% correct in everything it says; for example, the
factoid about Dory’s species changing color from a yellow juvenile to a blue adult is mistaken. There are two completely different species called Blue Tangs—there’s the Blue Tang, or Atlantic Blue Tang, and then the Regal Blue Tang (aka Pacific Blue Tang, Hippo Tang, Regal Blue Surgeonfish, etc.), which is what Dory is. It’s the ATLANTIC Blue Tang, the solid blue one without the black palette-shaped markings & yellow caudal fin, that starts off as a yellow fish. However, only tropical fish freaks such as myself will notice a mistake like that...;) Another minor error is the provision of the name "Phil" for Tad the Long-Nosed Butterflyfish’s father. For the longest time I DID think his name was Phil, but upon closer listening and subtitle-viewing I decided that his name actually IS Bill, as I’ve seen it given elsewhere! (When he speaks his name in the film, it really does sound ambiguously Bill/Phil-ish, at least to my ear, so I can’t blame the book for making the same mistake I did. But is it just me or does he look more like a Phil than a Bill? Ha, ha. Must just be because that’s what I thought it was for like, five years! Sorry Bill! ;-)There are more inaccuracies or less-than-accuracies, mislabelings and oversimplifications, but nothing horrible or unexpected in a children’s books about fictional characters that contains some science. Personally I just think it’s great that there’s finally a semi-realistic movie to introduce kids to marine biology. Perhaps if they’ve also read some other DK books or gained a deeper interest, they may realize that you can identify not only main characters, but also various other creatures that can be spotted throughout the film & book. (Most are based on real fishes and such, and even those that are almost completely made-up may look more like one type of animal than another.)

This was the neatest Finding Nemo book! It has all you need to know about the little secret things about Finding Nemo! In fact, it’s my favorite book! Finding Nemo is my favorite movie, and now I have a favorite book to match it! I especially like how even the moonfish and jellyfish get their own page full of information. The tank gang’s bios were very interesting, as were overlooking of the dentist’s office. Thank you Nemo!

I have been researching Finding Nemo for three months now and of all the stuff I might get besides two books (including this one) and a CD, this is probably the most awesome. When I first read it, I knew everything and I have read it five times. I have memorized this awesome book and I highly recommend it for all those fans out there!(But none as dedicated as me.) Also, I recommend Don’t Invite A Shark to Dinner and Other Lessons from the Sea. It, too, is an awesome book and I have memorized that as well. Hi, Erin Wilser!!!
This book provides a great intro for anyone planning to see the movie (as the posters say, "Sea it May 30th"). The characters and settings are laid out in a way that children can understand them so that you can learn about fish and the great barrier reef easily. The characters are original, creative, and colorful, which is no shock considering Pixar's wonderful reputation. If anything, get this book for the "fish facts" which will enlighten you about the undersea world, and you'll even learn something in the process! So if you love Pixar movies, and want to learn a little more about this new feature, then I recommend this book. Five stars.

This book is really cool and it gave me a lot of information on Finding Nemo that I didn’t know about before. But I did see a couple of errors in the book. But the only errors were length and stuff like that....so it really doesn’t matter that much. Besides that the book gives you information on just about everyone in the movie and information on the type of fish that the characters are, like I never knew that Dory and Bubbles were related, let me tell you how: Dory is a Regal Tang. Bubbles is a Yellow Tang. cool huh....? Anyway, its a good book to read when you're bored or while you're watching the movie. This book is awesome. sincerely, Kenny (jellyman)

If your kids loved Jay Singh's The Butterfly, then they’re going to absolutely adore this one!! They are very similar and this book is just as fun. All kids will love this one, and it’s just an absolute must for their library. ENJOY!!

You can’t read this book like it's a story. But it’s a great way to remember who the characters are, and maybe even how to spell some of their names. The pictures, large and small but always colorful, are abundant.

Arrived in excellent condition, my little one loves it.

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