A Guide To The Selection, Care, And Breeding Of Corals For The Mini-Reef Aquarium
Synopsis

Here for the first time is a complete listing of all the corals which have successfully been maintained in mini-reef-aquariums. Each listing provides a wonderful photograph to assist in the proper identification of the coral animal, along with all the information necessary to maintain the flower animal successfully in your mini-reef aquarium. Each species is colour coded with the level of experience needed in keeping them. A clear distinction is made between hermatypic corals that use zooxanthellae (symbiotic algae) and ahermatypic corals that are predators which will eat anything they can paralyze with their stinging tentacles. Included in the listing is such vital information as the degree of difficulty hobbyists can expect in dealing with the coral, its range and origin, the amount of light it requires and how much water movement is necessary. The book assumes the aquarist has a basic understanding of the establishment and upkeep on marine aquaria. This book is essential reading for any marine aquarist wishing to keep tropical corals. I would like to have seen more precise information on the lighting levels. This hard cover book has 285 glossy pages with excellent colour photographs, often two, on nearly every page. It is an exceptionally well produced book. The book contains an index and bibliography.

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Somewhat disorganized and very misleading, due for the most part because its outdated. It categorizes as hard to keep most of the SPS corals that are common to the hobby today. The pictures aren't that great and I'm still searching for the "care & breeding" section that the book's title
refers to. This book is truly a waste of money!

Excellent photos and good guide for beginners in picking corals... Better than some kid at the local fish store!!!

Dr. Herbert Axelrod continues to pass on his aquatic prowess in this book for coral enthusiasts. Novice reefkeepers should definitely invest in this book as it is very easy to read and understand. Experienced reefkeepers would even profit from having this book in their aquatic library for reference at any time, as it is thorough in all the typically kept hard and soft corals. Each coral is given its own color-coded review for difficulty of keeping and put into one of three categories, green for beginners, yellow for experienced keepers of corals, and red for those who consider themselves experts. On the whole this is a great reference for anyone who is considering keeping corals, either for the first time or continuing to keep them after years of experience.

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