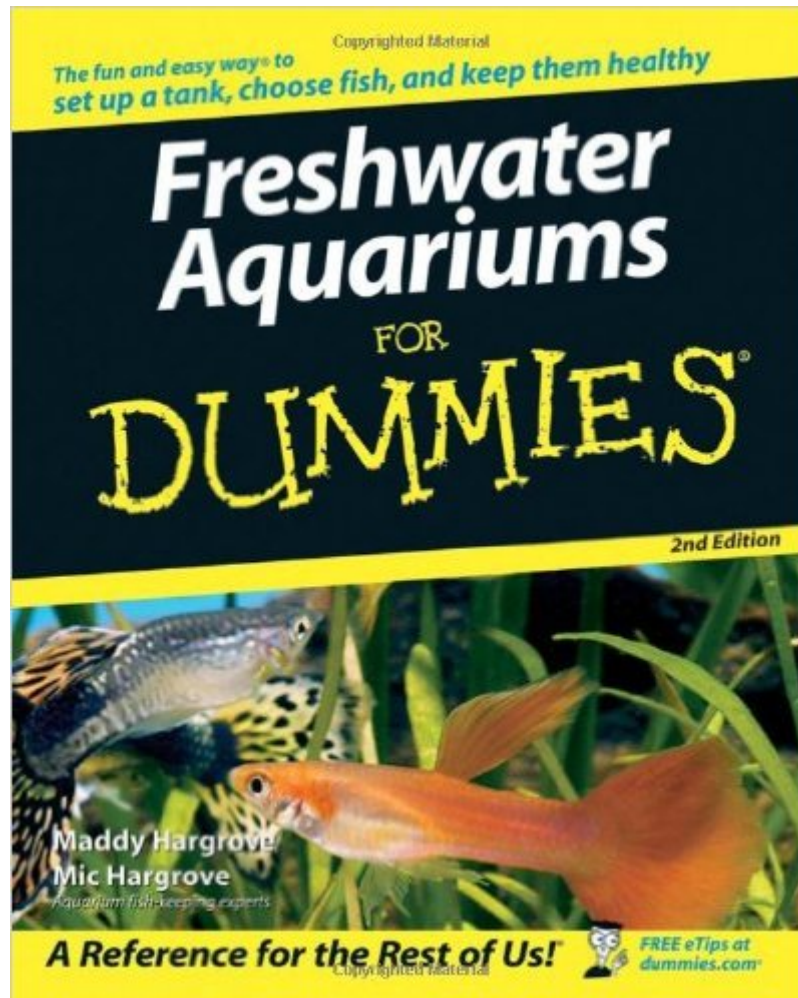


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# Freshwater Aquariums For Dummies



## Synopsis

Covers the latest aquarium gadgets Design a dazzling underwater environment with this bestselling guide! Setting up your first freshwater aquarium can be a daunting task. This friendly guide answers all your questions, from setting up your tank and selecting fish to the water, chemicals, plants, and much more. There's also expanded guidance on combining different species of fish, maintaining a tank, cleaning gravel, and dealing with common problems such as algae. Discover how to \* Choose the right aquarium \* Select the best fish \* Get good deals on equipment \* Maintain a clean, healthy environment \* Handle tank pitfalls \* Breed your fish

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## Customer Reviews

I am very disappointed in this book. It has mistakes and much of the information is out of date. For example, in a discussion of the nitrate cycle, a complex topic for many, the authors have confused nitrate and nitrite. This makes the discussion worthless. The discussion on classification is out of date as DNA studies have caused many changes to the whole system.

This book isn't too bad, but there's definitely better out there. The humor is kind of lame, as it is in all dummy books, but overall the information is sound. However, there are a few exceptions, like who still uses undergravel filters? or even still has a film camera anymore...that's right there's a whole chapter dedicated to photographing your fish. Not to mention there are also a ton of typos in this book, which is kind of ridiculous for a second edition. Overall it covers just about everything, but not in any great detail....you'd do better to find something else.

This is one of the many books I read after "inheriting" a fish. This was a very easy to read and understand while not insulting me for being a rank beginner. I followed many of this book's recommendations and my fish are very happy.

I'm not going to do a comprehensive review because the other reviewers have already covered the points I would likely make about this book's content and quality of writing. The humor, such as it is, is particularly bad. There also is a lengthy section on 35 mm photography and digital photography that must have been written in the Middle Ages, not just because the stuff is out of date but also because the authors clearly have no clue what they are writing about. I've read three books in Kindle format aimed at beginning hobbyists: this one, "Simple Guide to Planted Aquariums" and "How to Set Up a Freshwater Aquarium Like and Expert." This one was \$12.95. Compare that to \$9.95 for "Simple Guide" and \$2.95 for "How to," and you'll know without a doubt that this one delivers the least worthwhile content at the highest price.

I used this book in combination with online information to set up my first fish tank. This book was easy to comprehend and I gleaned a lot of valuable information from it. I would highly recommend this book to the beginner aquarium enthusiast.

I really like this book. I am a beginner, the only fish I have ever had was one of those gold fish you get at the carnival that dies 5 days later. This book has helped me with every question I have had in regards to an aquarium. Definitely recommend this book for fellow beginners!

FRESHWATER AQUARIUMS FOR DUMMIES BY MADDY HARDGROVE might not have a current publication day (2006) but it is still the best fish book I've read so far. I am returning into the world of freshwater aquariums after about a ten year hiatus and needed a refresher course on keeping freshwater fish & the aquariums they live in. I have always been a big fan of the "dummies" series because the experts who write them get down on my level using little technical terms and lots of one syllable words that I can understand. This book is not only good for people like me returning to the fishy world by newbies & even experienced people can maybe learn a thing or two from it. One good thing about the book is you don't need to read it all you can skip chapters that are not needed & the information keeps coming and coming. Well worth the cost this one is going in my shelf of reference for when I and my finny friends need a little advice.

I read this book from cover to cover. It is packed full of interesting and helpful information. I appreciated the basics outlined in this reference guide, being a beginner to the hobby. I learned so much from it. It gives a wonderful overview of everything I needed to know to get started with confidence. It presents many of the most common species that are easily obtainable in pet stores, which I found very helpful in getting started, rather than presenting a vast array of fish that I will probably never find in the store. If you examine the Table of Contents, you will see the vast amount of information presented. I could not begin to put it all down here. It touches upon numerous aspects and gives pertinent facts, without delving into an overwhelming account of the topic. It presents what you need to know to get going. And the information contained therein is extremely diverse but informative. I would recommend this guide to anyone getting started with an aquarium. I wish I would have read it prior to actually setting up my aquarium. I am continually picking it up to re-read a topic referenced in the book.

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