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Nature Aquarium: Complete Works 1985-2009



Synopsis

Nature Aquarium: Complete Works 1985-2009 takes you on a journey through over two decades of the most innovative and breathtaking designs from nature aquarium pioneer Takashi Amano. In this collection of works from the world-renowned aquarist, over 200 vibrant, full-color photos display the captivating beauty of nature aquariums while providing detailed, step-by-step instructions on how to create your own aquatic masterpiece. Along with expert advice on plant and fish selection, water chemistry, and maintenance, the author includes essays outlining aquarium aesthetics and his own personal design philosophies to inspire readers to create their own harmonious and tranquil nature aquarium designs.

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There are multiple reasons I give this book two stars, but the summary my long-winded reasons below is that there is a very high bar for Takashi Amano books, and compared to his other works, this title does not reach that bar. I will not compare this book to his fourth published English language book - Aquarium Plant Paradise - because of how different and conventionalized that title is, but rather to his first three English language Nature Aquarium World books. This book is very slightly smaller in format than his first three books (Nature Aquarium World: 1994, and Nature Aquarium World 2 & 3: 1997, the latter two were originally published as a single volume in Japan). It leans towards a horizontal book format (his first book was upright and the other two were square), and although it can be opened flat to look at photos spanning both pages, the pages quickly separate from their glue binding! The stitched binding holds, but as this book has been published for only a short time, I cannot assume those thin double threads will hold in heavily used copies. This is the

first of his books released by TFH that was not manufactured in the US, and it shows. While TFH books generally have weak-feeling spines, they hold up and bindings used to be guaranteed for 10 years; now the company provides a trendier logo and omits any quality guarantee. This book is manufactured in China. The paper is thin compared to the nice stock used previously and the ink printing is very cheap (low resolution) compared to the books printed in the '90s. In cases where aquarium photos are present in both books, you can see the difference in quality when laying the books side by side. Most unfortunately, the patented Foto-Glaze in all of TFH's previous Amano books has been omitted.

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