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Hello and welcome to *SCUBA News*. This month we're pleased to release our list of the Top Ten Bestselling Books and DVDs of 2016.

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What's New at SCUBA Travel?



[World Class Diving in Colombia](#)

Colombia's dive sites include the fabulous Malpelo, a remote seamount famous for schooling hammerheads and silky sharks. But go soon as the government is planning to allow only liveaboards operating out of Colombia to visit, and their safety standards aren't great.

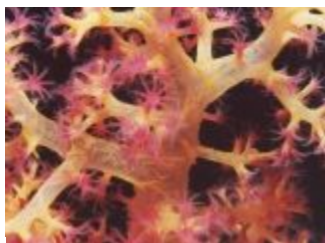
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[Diving Thailand's Andaman Sea](#)

From now until April is the time to visit the best dive sites of Thailand - in the Andaman Sea. The marine reserves have re-opened and the diving season just begun.

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[Diving the Red Sea from Hurghada](#)

Sharm el-Sheikh airport is thought unsafe by many countries, but Hurghada is still open and offers great diving. It is also a good starting point for liveaboards both north towards Sharm and south to the excellent Brothers dive sites.

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Letters

Where to dive in June?

Where to go (from the UK) for a 10days-ish dive trip in the first two weeks of June 2017?...

Annabel

We'd suggest South Africa or Mozambique - or a Red Sea liveaboard.

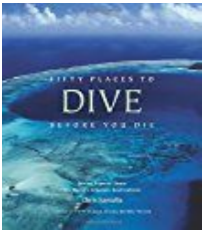
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SCUBA Diving Bestsellers

SCUBA Travel are pleased to release their *Best Selling SCUBA Books and DVDs* list for 2016.

Fifty Places to Dive Before You Die keeps it's top spot for another year. Four other guides to the world's best dive sites also feature in the list, including a new entry at number ten. There are also three sealife guides. Simon Pridmore's *Scuba Confidential* has risen up the list to number two and is a bit different: it tells readers how to be a better diver. Finally *Neutral Buoyancy : Adventures in a Liquid World* makes welcome re-entry.

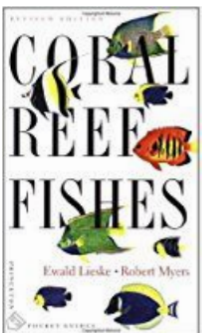
Here are the top ten: figures in brackets show the previous year's position. If positions change (and some are very close) the [Diving Bestsellers page on our website](#) will update with the new list.



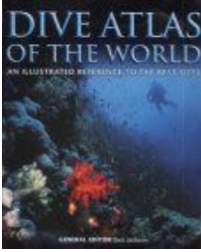
1. [**Fifty Places to Dive Before You Die: Diving Experts Share the World's Greatest Destinations**](#) by Chris Santella
The fifth in Santella's bestselling "Fifty Places" series. (1)



2. [**Scuba Confidential: An Insider's Guide to Becoming a Better Diver**](#) by Simon Pridmore
Candid, no-nonsense practical advice from a professional who has been involved over the last three decades with virtually every aspect of the sport. (8)

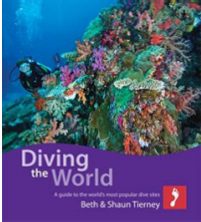


3. [**Coral Reef Fishes: Indo-Pacific and Caribbean**](#) by Ewald Lieske, Robert Myers
This goes on all my tropical diving holidays. (4)

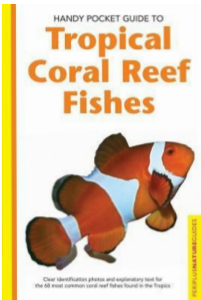


4. [**Dive Atlas of the World: An Illustrated Reference to the Best Sites**](#) by [Jack Jackson](#)

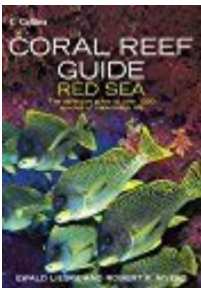
300 pages detailing some of the world's best dive sites.
(3)



5. [**Diving the World**](#) by Beth and Shaun Tierney
Husband-and-wife team Beth and Shaun Tierney have selected, reviewed and photographed over 200 tropical sites for *Diving the World*. (10)



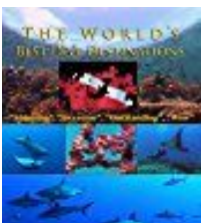
6. [**Handy Pocket Guide to Tropical Coral Reef Fishes**](#)
by Gerald R. Allen
Introduction to 68 of the most commonly encountered coral reef fishes. (-)



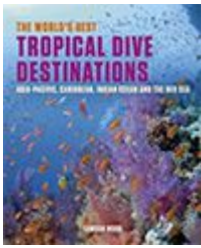
7. [**Coral Reef Guide Red Sea**](#) by Ewald Lieske, Robert Myers
Another from Lieske and Myers, excellent guide to the fish and invertebrates of the Red Sea. (2)



8. [**Neutral Buoyancy : Adventures in a Liquid World**](#)
by [Tim Ecott](#)
Tales of the characters and episodes in the history of diving: the sponge divers, the second world war saboteurs, the free divers.... (-)



9. [**The World's Best Dive Destinations DVD**](#)
Visual SCUBA dive guide to the world's best diving locations (6)



10. [**The World's Best Tropical Dive Destinations**](#), by Lawson Wood

Covers the Caribbean, Bermuda, the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Indo-Pacific and the Pacific Ocean. (-)

We've interviewed several of the authors featured in this list, including [Jack Jackson](#), [Beth Tierney](#) and [Tim Ecott](#). See also our [diving book reviews](#) and other [interviews with authors](#).

Diving News From Around the World

Our round up of the more interesting underwater news stories of the past month. For breaking news see our [Twitter page](#) or [RSS feed](#)



[**Diver found alive after spending 14 hours overnight in the ocean**](#)

The man, 68, went missing after diving solo on the SS Yongala wreck in Australia: he was found 50 km away the next day



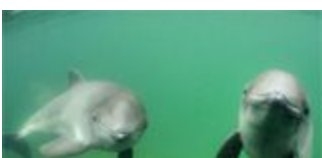
[**Is mislabelling good for fish?**](#)

30 percent of seafood is mislabelled, but this might be good for fish populations.



[**Mussel-strong glue bonds underwater sensors**](#)

Using a protein produced by mussels, researchers have created a reversible synthetic glue that not only can bond securely underwater - but also may be turned on and off with electricity.



[**Porpoises plan their dives and can set their heart rate to match**](#)



Two captive harbour porpoises called Freja and Sif have helped to reveal that porpoises - and probably all cetaceans - consciously adjust their heart rate to suit the length of a planned dive.



[Hacker, the humpback whale who got tangled in an internet cable](#)

Hacker the humpback whale, so named because it spent a day and a half entangled in a subsea internet cable.



[Future Deep Sea Mining Sites Are Bursting With Rare Marine Species](#)

The area is full of rare metals, but a new study shows it's a hub for deep-sea diversity, too



[Morocco climate summit looks to the ocean for solutions](#)

Conserving ocean ecosystems can play an important role in combatting climate change - and one that is increasingly being recognised.



[Bleached corals in the Pacific make small step to recovery](#)

The remote island of Kiritimati last year had only 5% of its corals alive and healthy. Now that has improved slightly to 6-7%. The rest are still either dead or bleached.

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