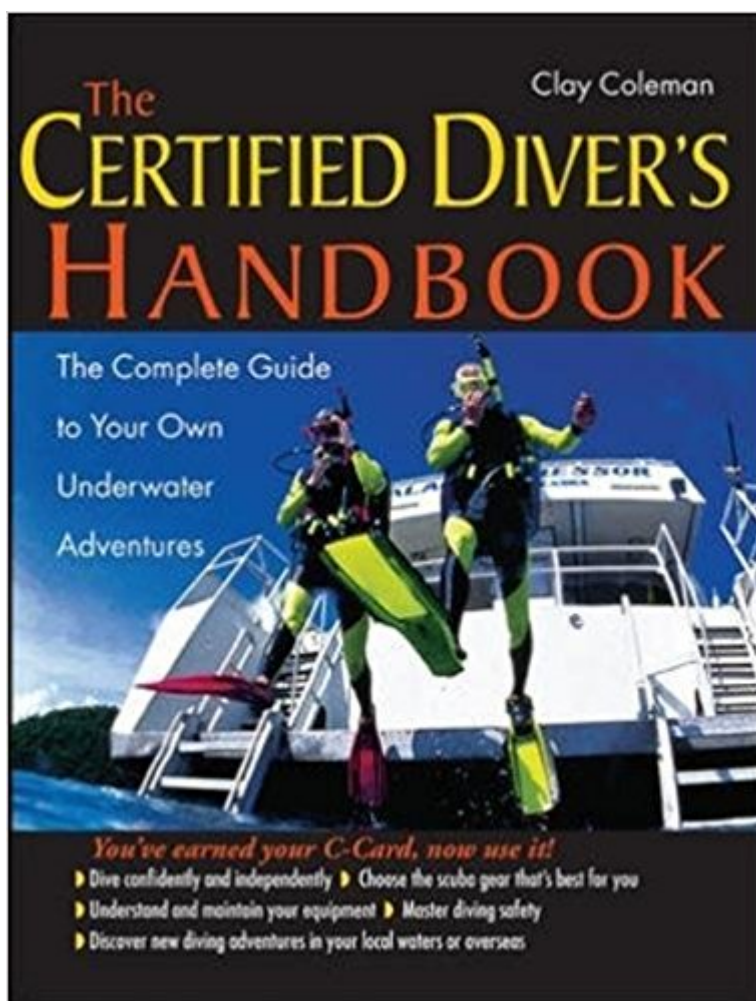


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# The Certified Diver's Handbook: The Complete Guide To Your Own Underwater Adventures



## Synopsis

The real-world guide for divers who want to enjoy their sport to the fullest More than half of the 1.5 million people who achieve scuba certification each year are stymied in their pursuit of the sport because they lack time and money to enjoy the exotic diving experiences they've read about, and don't want to be confined to group dives. The Certified Diver's Handbook is the only guide to help them create their own diving adventures on any budget, on any schedule, in waters local or distant, and without the restrictions of group demands. Thirty-year diving veteran and photojournalist Clay Coleman provides the insider's tips and how-to advice divers need to equip, plan, and execute their own diving expeditions. Divers will learn how to: Buy or rent the best SCUBA equipment at the best prices Plan dives to maximize enjoyment and safety Find great diving sites close to home Master underwater rescue procedures and shore- and night-diving techniques Explore wrecks, reefs, and underwater caves

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Coleman does a good job of providing information and opinion on topics from equipment to dive sites and everything in between. He writes with a sense of humor and provides sound advice from a diver who has been doing it for over 40 years. I like that he teaches you to be an independent diver which is to say a diver who can do more than dive only in the company of a professional divemaster or instructor.

Ok, first off I never meant to purchase this book, I accidentally purchased it on my kindle, but am I glad I did! This book has a wonderful balance of technical information and easy to understand data. Plenty of humor is mixed in as well. I never really thought in the mindset of being an independent diver. But Clay spends most of the book explaining what that means and how to achieve it. The latter half of the book give great insight in world wide diving listing many islands to consider, and how to pick the best trip for you. Again, I couldn't have been happier with this accidental purchase, I certainly recommend this book to any diver.

A book with title "handbook" has potential to cover all subject matter of scuba diving, including the Scuba Gear, Diving Skills, Emergency, Buddy Skills, Medical, Communications, Logbook Entry, and so on. Without getting into the travel, locations, outboarding, tourist spots, vacation hidaways, etc. Yet, because of the temptation to discuss the SIZZLE of the latter, much of the opportunity to discuss scuba details was left out. For example, how to handle scuba equipment on a boat. Would that not take priority ... over vacation spots, where you go onto a boat. First thing first, right?

Anyway, because of its strong effort to make some valuable contribution to the subject of scuba diving, a 4-star rating was given. In the next edition of this book, a re-evaluation of the missing parts can be detailed. Do not think it should be used as a travel guide, since location sites change. For example, Acapulco Mexico used to be a great tourist site. Not sure about it, today. Hence, this book, with embedded travel information, can easily become out-dated.

and even some of the not so new ones. Excellent book. If you just got certified and are wondering what to do next. Get this book and read it. There's a lot of good stuff in here about diving I figured out the long way. I would have paid \$13.00 (Kindle version) for chapter 13 alone. It basically encourages you to stop being a student (after the class) and take control of your own diving life, how to go about it and what to expect - so you don't show up by yourself feeling all alone. The things in the book that I have experience with are right on the money. The appendix is basically a primer on underwater photography. The only thing I would change is that everybody I've seen is using GoPros or Sealifes which the book does not cover. Other than that, a must read for divers.

Awesome Book a must have for any Scuba Diver no matter your experience

Overall it's a worthwhile read and the author is knowledgeable and accurate. Some of the advice, like the utility of Spare Air as a redundant air source is questionable at best, and the book is now dated especially in the chapter on photography which is still mostly concerned with film.

Certified Divers Handbook details all parts of diving and is a great reference book to have on hand whether you are newly certified or been diving for years. It addresses all facts of diving, equipment, physics, physiology, injury, diving fitness, rescue and recovery. A great reference written to be easily read by all and should be on everyone's shelves as a go-to book.

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