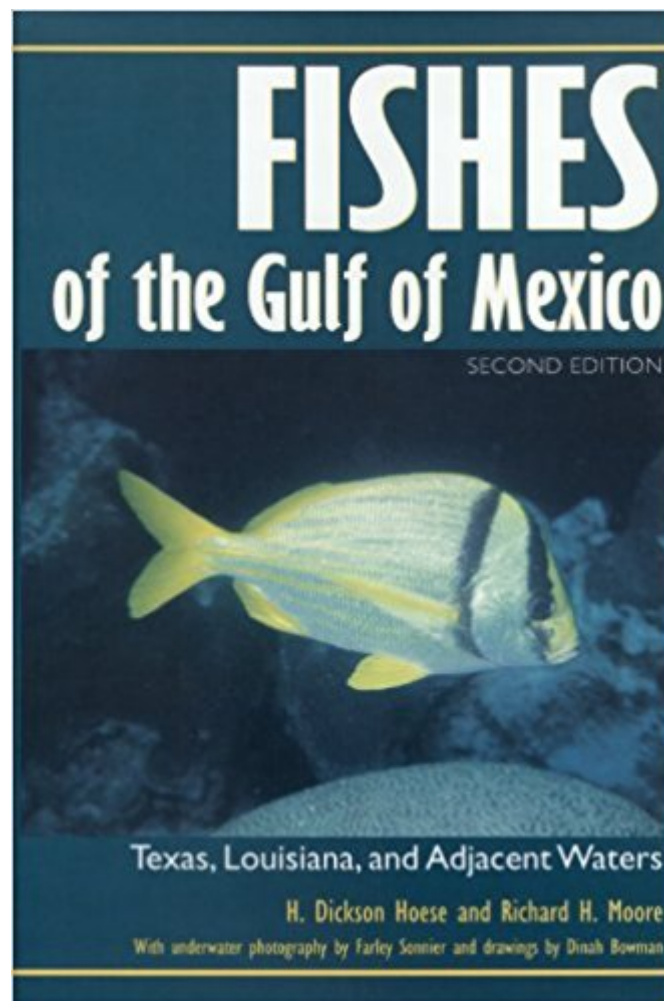


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This book IS NOT a fun book about the fishes you are going to see while fishing or SCUBA diving. If you want that for this area try Peterson's Field Guide or Dr. Bob Shipp's Guide. It IS the definitive treatise on the systematics and identification of all fish one can find in the described area (Texas, Louisiana and adjacent waters). While I give five stars to this book I would not recommend it to any but the most serious of amateurs (professionals already know about it). Before you open it you need to know what a dichotomous key is and how to use it. The pictures are there for confirmation, not identification. It is laid out with an excellent introduction that explains all of the necessary terminology then jumps into how to identify any fish caught to the family level. After identification of the family it gives a key to that family and a brief (it has to be, there are several hundred fish mentioned) description of each species. That is what a field guide does Within it's scope this is the

best one available.

This is a one of a kind book that allows the lay-fisherman to identify any fish he comes across in the Louisiana and Texas gulf coast. It has been hard to find, and I am delighted to see it listed here with you.

This is an excellent text for the professional (or near professional) to use in identification of fishes in the Gulf. It is NOT for the beginner, and if you are a beginner you will be disappointed due to the technical layout and terms in this book. Additionally, I think the artistic illustrations by Dinah Bowman are FANTASTIC, but of course I am slightly biased because she is my mother. :)

This is my new go to marine fish ID book. The pictures are very good and the identification key is very helpful for differentiating similar looking species. I have several fish ID books for my area and this one is defiantly the most detailed and precise one. I would highly recommend this book.

Good for biologists and wanna be/soon to be biologist. Has useful fish species keys, pretty good key to families too, decent descriptions & definitions. Pictures of some species leaves something to be desired (especially some of the sharks, which turn out to be fish mounted on walls). Doesn't cover juvenile differences well, but most people are looking at adults anyway.

My brother Farley Sonnier was an avid underwater photographer and expert witness for many trials regarding oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico. He actually developed a scuba lung system which Jacques Cousteau became interested in and got a chance to dive with Cousteau in the Dead Sea. Unfortunately, my brother succumbed to bone cancer at age 45 in 1987. He has made a really great contribution to biologists and fishermen alike with this book. I miss him terribly. Anne Sonnier

This book has no pictures or they are hidden away somewhere. I never did find any. The descriptions are just not of any value without the pictures. If the pictures are all together and hidden away how do you find them to identify anything. To use a guide in Kindle format the pictures need to be close to the descriptions or you are trying to jump from front to back of the book and you can not just bookmark then go back on a Kindle.

The key here is that I was able to get a paperback version for less than 15\$ whereas some of my

colleagues spent close to 70\$ on the hardback version. As a guide that will most likely be used in the field it is bound to get beat up and abused. I have no worries taking this version around with me.

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