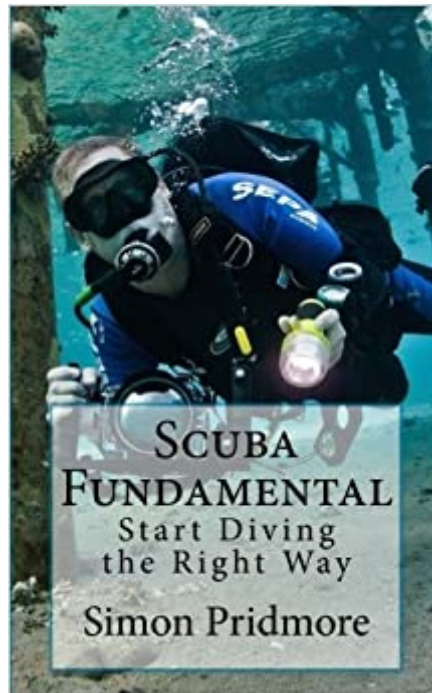




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Scuba Fundamental: Start Diving The Right Way



Synopsis

If you do not yet scuba dive but are thinking of learning, then *Scuba Fundamental - Start Diving the Right Way* is for you. It takes you from the germ of the idea that you might like to try scuba diving up to the point where you have done around 20 dives. This is not your standard how-to scuba diving manual. It is very different. The purpose of *Scuba Fundamental* is not to teach you how to dive. A dive instructor will do that. But this book will make the learning process much easier. It will help you make the right choices and avoid the pitfalls that await new and uninformed divers coming into the sport. It will also set you well on the road to becoming a capable and competent lifelong diver. *Scuba Fundamental* tells you how to make sure you are prepared for a scuba diving course and what a good beginners course should entail. It tells you how to choose a good instructor, how to decide which operators to dive with after you have finished your course and what sort of dives you should be doing when you first start diving. You will learn the many ways in which diving will change your life and also acquire some extremely valuable advice on the etiquette involved in the sport. Throughout the book and especially in the chapter "It Happened to Me" you will be entertained, educated and encouraged by anecdotes from people who are now experienced divers but were once beginners too. There is also an entire section devoted to diving safety, much of which covers vitally important aspects of scuba diving that standard training manuals don't emphasise enough or even leave out completely. The book's message is: start scuba diving the right way and you will be relaxed and ready for the adventure. You will have more fun, make fewer mistakes and be confident in the fact that you are well informed, have made the best choices and have spent your money wisely. *Scuba Fundamental* is a unique, reliable and essential guide: one that you can trust completely and follow during this formative phase of your scuba diving life. "I wish I had had this book to read when I learned to dive. I remember being totally confused." Robin Yao, Executive Editor, EZDIVE magazine "This is the book divers should give to friends when they say they want to learn to scuba dive." Ian Thomas, Scuba Instructor Trainer

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"Pitching a book at the correct level for divers-to-be is fraught with difficulty, as I've found out. You have to be honest and engaging but without being scary or overcomplicated. Simon Pridmore is a great dive writer, and I think he's finally cracked the problem with Scuba Fundamental." Steve Weinmann - Editor, Diver Magazine (UK)

"Simon's new book, Scuba Fundamental - Start Diving the Right Way, is a thorough, sensible and seriously safety oriented guide for new divers. It is also very, very funny. Simon's anecdotes will make old divers laugh until they cry, whilst promising decades of fun and adventure for new divers. Stay safe and love diving." Judi Lowe, Scuba Instructor, PhD Scholar and Sustainable Dive Tourism Advisor at thedivetourist.

Simon Pridmore is the bestselling author of Scuba Confidential – An Insider's Guide to Becoming a Better Diver and Scuba Professional – Insights into Sport Diver Training and Operations. For the last 25 years, he has worked as a guide, divemaster and dive instructor. He has owned a dive centre, run two regional diver training agency franchises and been international sales manager for a dive equipment manufacturing company. He has organised dive tours all over the world, written articles for a host of dive magazines and spoken at conferences on four continents. He currently lives, writes and dives in Bali, Indonesia.

I am looking to fulfill a lifelong dream of scuba diving. At 60, life got in the way of this, and this book gave me the necessary tools to find out the questions I needed to ask dive instructors to determine the best choice of dive schools. I feel well armed going into my first class next month.

I wish this book had been available when I began to dive!! Anyone who is thinking of becoming a diver should have a read and enjoy the stories of those who came before you!! He describes every

facet of learning to dive and covers things you may not hear anywhere else. Especially so, if you decide to do a resort course, and of course explains and emphasizes the importance of DAN, which when I began diving had never heard of. Scuba Fundamentals is the book to add to any diving library!

Good book. For the person thinking about diving. Not instructional but informative.

A great reference resource

I have not yet taken the open water certification course and was hoping to get some insight on what to expect. This book was exactly what I was looking for and made me more excited to continue my quest in learning to dive.

I bought this book as I'll be heading off on a dive trip this summer and wanted to raise my scuba consciousness before I go. I'm just getting back in the water after 20+ years of not diving. And since I certified about 43 years ago, starting with a beginner's guide seemed like a great idea. And it turned out to be a great call. It's not too much to call this book a lifesaver. If you are about to start diving or getting back into it like me, read this first!

Great insightful book. Very well written. Must read for all divers especially the well experienced ones.

I enjoyed how practical this book is. It is quite general but I think the whole idea is to let one be "prepared" whilst letting one experience scuba and how new it is to someone with no previous experience. I will look for the next book in the series

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