

**A COLOUR ATLAS OF DANGEROUS MARINE ANIMALS.** By Bruce W. Halstead, Paul S. Auerbach and Dorman R. Campbell, published 1990, London, by Wolfe Medical Publications. 192 pp. £29.50.

Dr. Halstead's 'Dangerous Marine Animals' originally published in 1959 has for years been the handy guide to the creatures of the sea that bite, sting, shock or intoxicate, and the medical aspects involved.

Now this atlas covers the same fascinating field, but with the addition of magnificent colour photographs and details of the latest advanced treatment. As well as concisely discussing the traumatic consequences of a brush with a Great White or Saltwater crocodile, less well-known threats in the shape of bristle worms and the highly poisonous Deadly seaweed of Hana (not a plant but a zoanthid) are dealt with.

Did you know that the flesh of the Australian sea-lion is very poisonous or that the green unlaidd eggs of the Horseshoe crab, a popular delicacy in parts of Asia, are often likewise?

Everyone with an interest in the sea and its denizens should buy this most interesting book. For those who work in the waters, particularly of the Tropics, as well as the staff of aquaria and oceanaria housing

exotic marine life, it will also serve as a valuable first-aid manual.

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