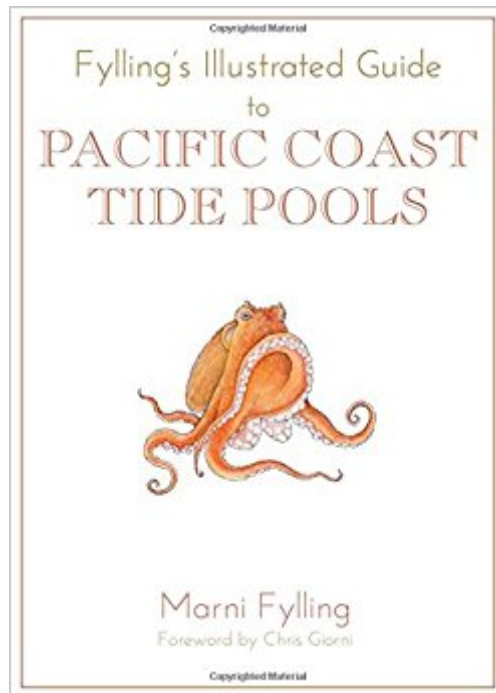




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Fyelling's Illustrated Guide To Pacific Coast Tide Pools



Synopsis

A new field guide with delightfully old-fashioned illustrations. This scientifically accurate yet utterly charming field guide to the Pacific coast intertidal zone introduces readers to a world populated by spectacular wildlife: 150-year-old giant green anemones that paralyze their prey with their petal-like tentacles; sunflower sea stars that traverse the tide pool floor on twenty-four limbs; orange-tipped, opalescent sea slugs that dabble in cannibalism; and much, much more. Small enough to fit in a back pocket during a beach hike, the guide contains concise descriptions of tide pools' most common residents, noting each organism's size and zonation, as well as a few of its fascinating (and sometimes grotesque) habits. Full-color illustrations reminiscent of prints by Ernst Haeckel help tide poolers with easy identification.

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Customer Reviews

Marni Fyling has a B.S. in zoology from UC Davis and a graduate certificate in natural science illustration from UC Santa Cruz. A science illustrator, writer, and educator, her favorite thing to do is explore tide pools-although sketching insects and wildflowers (or just about anything else) is a close second.

If you ever visit tidepools, you've probably had the experience of wondering what the heck you were looking at. Although there are some decent tidepool ID cards that will help you, the problem is just knowing names isn't always that helpful. Like, okay, it's a "Tunicate" -- but what the heck is that?

Fylling's book does a great job of giving the casual tidepooler a deeper (pun intended) look at the life you find. And it's delivered in a fun casual manner with gorgeous illustrations. It's improved my family's experience of tidepools -- and has been a great gift for friends who I thought might want to know a little more about the ocean environment!

This is a beautifully illustrated book with well-written descriptions of major tidepool inhabitants. Easy to read and filled with fascinating facts - like the sea squirts that literally re-organize their innards as they mature; the dogwhelks that are quite efficient predators; the inter-relationships of the different creatures and plants. The enthusiasm of the author for the tidepools shows up so clearly in each crisp, elegant, delicately colored drawing and the engaging, often humorous text. The book has a nice heft for a slim volume (excellent paper quality), and the font and formatting strike a balance between historical and contemporary. It could be tucked into a pocket or backpack quite well. I plan to get several copies to give to friends who enjoy tidepools or have kids who would love to be introduced to the incredible world of marine life.

I really like this book, but the dealer was misleading as to it's condition and thus the price is doesn't match the quality.

This is the most interesting book on tide pooling I've read so far. If you have any interest in ocean critters read this book.

Cute pocket guide book for the local tide pools (we live in Santa Barbara). I love the drawings, just a little disappointed that not all the local life could be found in the book.

I had the best day ever at Moss Beach using this book.

I was fortunate enough to be Ms. Fylling's student over two decades ago; it was organic chemistry lab and she was the teaching assistant who ran my lab section. She was a bright and friendly TA, and I remember seeing some fruit and vegetable illustrations that she had drawn and thinking that she was extremely talented. I now have her book, and it's clear that she has spent much time since then honing her craft. has the "look inside" feature, so you can see for yourself how beautiful the illustrations are. The text is informative and friendly, and the publisher has given the book the production it deserves, with high-quality paper and classy typesetting. A great gift for nature-loving

friends and relatives!

Marni Fyelling has given us an informative and interesting guide with lovely illustrations. The book is just the right size to carry along as one explores the Pacific Coast. I bought my copy at the Henry Miller Memorial Library in Big Sur, because I was taken with the drawings. It quickly became a valued companion on my trip through California. Thanks to Fyelling's Guide, I was easily able to identify the beautiful species seen in the attached photos and more. Plus, I now know many cool facts about each (something that you can't get from a laminated pamphlet). The book is written with enough scientific knowledge to hold an adult's attention, but is clearly presented in bite sized chunks that would also be perfect for older children. Go out and see what kinds of creatures you can find!

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