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With this completely revised edition of one of the most successful aquarium fish books of the last decade, a new important chapter in the history of the aquarium hobby has been written. This book covers all L-Numbers from 1 to 350 and all LDA-Numbers from 1 to 76 on 272 pages. All important information and care instructions are given under the photos with international symbols. The explanation of the symbols is given in 10 different languages inside the book. Sucker-mouth catfishes (scientific name: Loricariidae) are given an L or LDA number if they are imported for the aquarium hobby but cannot be unequivocally assigned to any described species. Due to the immense individual variation in coloration and body-shape of the particular species it is often difficult to identify them. Thus more than 1.800 photographs have been used to solve this problem. This book is accepted worldwide as reference work for dealers, breeders and all aquarists who enjoy keeping these wonderful fishes.

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Customer Reviews

This is a stunning tour-de-force coverage of the Loricarids. Considering the price, it had better be good, and it is. To start with, the production values are very high. Thick, heavy, glossy pages. Crisp, clear photos. This is a "coffee-table" type of book. Indeed, even people who have no interest in fishkeeping who have seen this book have been mesmerized by the amazing patterns and coloration of various Loricariids. Second, the info is excellent. Using the L-system, the fish are placed in numerical order. Each page has eight pictures (in 2 columns of 4 pix each), and under each picture are the genus and species names, a common name when there is one, where the fish

come from, and a string of icons covering what the fish eats, temperature range, pH, etc. It also lists the maximim size the fish might attain. Although I'm not a big fan of using icons, they save a LOT of space and the information is available even if you have to work a little for it. Additionally, there are some blank spots later in the book. The authors have left them blank to accommodate paste-in stickers (pictures) of newly-discovered fish, with the stickers being available in the related Aqualog news copies (it's a magazine). I am very impressed by the authors not just showing a single specimen for each L number. They have multiple pictures, showing various ages (adolescent vs. adult) and color varieties. This is VERY valuable, because not every individual looks exactly the same. The book is VERY useful if you are trying to identify an individual specimen, but is equally (or perhaps more) enjoyable to just leaf through. If you're looking for more extensive info or a cheaper alternative, try Ingo Seidel's "Back to Nature Guide to L-Catfishes." Otherwise, this is a fantastic book, and if you enjoy bottomfish, you should enjoy this one.

Very satisfy with this book.. It gives clear insight on all the known speices and well as the temperature/diet/and max size of the pleco.. important to all fish keepers who are investing in a Pleco. The book has most of the L number plecos listed.. but it does lack some of the plecos that are already labeled. or known.. EX: Blue eye pleco and Golden Sailfin are not listed. A great buy and satisfying to all pleco lovers who can't get the more exotics plecos due to the Brazil banned.. this book is satisfying enough!

Very good. The L's reference book. Not good at all if what you're really looking is how to maintain, breed or make your Pleco happier. But if you just want to browse all species known so far, or recognize any Loricariidae you encounter - this is it. Lots of good pictures, all L Numbers up to 350, and LDAs up to 76 covered with a short symbols near the picture, translating into how much they grow, what they eat, how big should your tank be, kind of water conditions needed, etc... Mainly targeted at shopkeepers who always have a real hard time to identify this fishes. I love Plecos, so it was a must have for me!

This book is the best and most uptodate book one can find on the identifacation of all L-numbered catfish. If one is looking to purchase or collect this fish I highly recomend this book. The many picture of the fish are very good. The only draw back is the care information could be better. the reader must rely on smbols to determine the care of the various fish. But for identifaction there is none better.

This book is the best Loricariidae Identification book, it has massive of good quality pictures, it tells reader how big the species can be and little bit about how to keep them in captive. For each L number, there is a brief intro at the beginning of the book. Anyone loves plecos must own this book.

Intense book regarding all loricariidae catfish. Even obscure fish are located in this book. Great photos that help identify the fish

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