

BOOK REVIEWS

Call of the Blue

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Watching and recording the gradual dismantling of life, beauty, and diversity in our oceans is a torturous experience for

scientists. Our oceans function as Earth's organs and our survival depends on their health. Yet in the last fifty years half of coral reefs have disappeared, only 10% of large fish remain and many species are at the brink of collapse. Unsustainable fishing practices, pollution—including 20 million tons of plastic entering the oceans annually—and rising temperatures are continued threats. Even as the sense of urgency to save our oceans continues to grow, an estimate of only 2% of all global philanthropic and charitable donations go to protecting the environment. Of this, only a tiny fraction goes toward supporting and safeguarding our oceans.

Brimming with spectacular, full-page photography of underwater scenes from the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic oceans and many seas, it tells the stories of positive, focused people who are working to



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save our oceans. The first of its kind, this book unites more than 100 modern-day explorers, sailors, free divers, filmmakers, lawmakers, and conservationists who talk about their lives, passions, and exploits on, in, or under the water. It demonstrates how the efforts of individuals and communities can inspire and drive change.

Notable contributors include US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, explorer and BBC presenter Paul Rose, Danish environmentalist and Director General of the IUCN Inger Andersen, French photojournalist and UNEP Goodwill Ambassador Yann Arthus-Bertrand, and American marine biologist Edith Widder,

to name a few. Contributors include hard-working men and women from around the world including the UK, the US, Australia, Canada, France, India, Mauritius, Ecuador, and more.

Alongside these passionate and necessary voices, Philip Hamilton's mesmerizing images of reefs, whales, saltwater crocodiles, sea lions, sailfish, manatees, penguins, mantas, jellyfish, turtles, sharks, sea horses, and more provide readers a glimpse of some of the world's most stunning underwater locations, bringing into sharp focus all we are at risk to lose.

