

FOREWORD

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DURING MY FIFTY-FOUR YEARS WITH THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, thirty years of which were devoted to the practical study of tropical fish, both sea- and fresh-water, many books have been written about this absorbing subject, and world-wide hobby. However much one studies fish, it is always possible to learn many new and exciting things, so that every new book by a knowledgable and discerning writer adds something to the sum-total of knowledge.

Mr McInerny is a colleague of long standing for whom I have the greatest respect: a Fellow of the Zoological Society of London, and a man who has dedicated many years to the practical study and breeding of fish at his specialist-built breeding-station at Ewhurst, in Surrey. His ideas and theories are therefore related to practice, and can be relied upon.

This book covers the whole field of aquaria, and will be invaluable for anyone interested in keeping fish. It is written in non-technical language, and explains not only what to do, but why—which is the important thing. The beginner—or the expert, for that matter—may learn much from it.

The coloured illustrations are superb, the colours being accurate for fish in healthy condition.

Altogether, I am happy to recommend this book, and I trust that it will, besides interesting the initiated, also induce many to begin the absorbing hobby of fish-keeping.