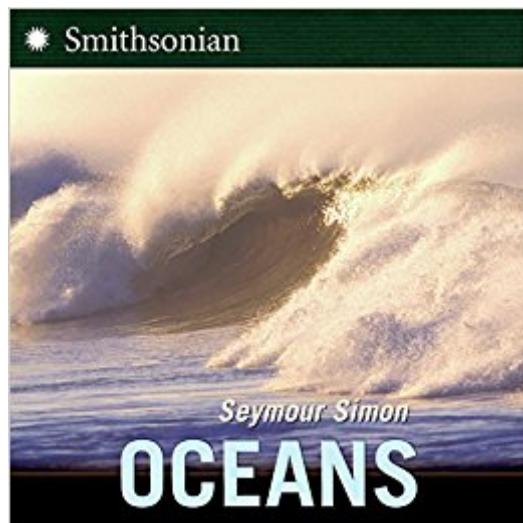


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# Oceans



## Synopsis

Have you ever noticed how blue Earth looks in photographs taken from space? This is because of our oceans. Earth is the only planet in our solar system with water on its surface—more than 200 quadrillion tons of water—and it's constantly in motion. You don't have to live near the ocean to know its power. Changes in temperature far out in the sea can cause a drought thousands of miles away. The oceans affect us all. Award-winning science writer Seymour Simon brings you an in-depth exploration of the oceans.

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Seymour Simon has been called "the dean of the [children's science book] field" by the New York Times. He has written more than 300 books for young readers and has received the American Association for the Advancement of Science/Subaru Lifetime Achievement Award for his lasting contribution to children's science literature, the Science Books & Films Key Award for Excellence in Science Books, the Empire State Award for excellence in literature for young people,

and the Educational Paperback Association Jeremiah Ludington Award. He and his wife, Liz, live in Columbia County in Upstate New York. You can visit him online at [www.seymoursimon.com](http://www.seymoursimon.com), where students can post on the "Seymour Science Blog" and educators can download a free four-page teacher guide to accompany this book, putting it in context with Common Core objectives. Join the growing legion of @seymoursimon fans on Twitter!

I give this wee book five stars because it does the best job of a wee book on the subject I could imagine. The book is very short but covers the most important thoughts to have about the ocean if you want to be able to think about the ocean in the context of the world (and think about what you see when you are the shore). One could actually put the content to memory and maintain it there for a long time - that should help with awareness. Of course, I like books that are longer and cover the second level of depth as well. But, since I hear we're a society that doesn't read much on a subject if it's more than 140 characters, I do think this book has a place in our library at the Ocean Project. I have placed it there as a result. Thank you, Seymour.

5th grade loves the great photos and details.

nice, informative, book to teach children about the ocean it is like a beginner's guide to oceanography and also discusses how people use the ocean and the creatures that live in it

This is a very educational, easy-to-read book that gives information on the single body of water that the world is covered in. I especially liked all the interesting facts mentioned in this book and it was an informational and short read. Some of the facts that I found interesting were that the ocean has more than one-and-one-half quintillion (15 followed by 17 zeros) tons of water - that 100 billion gallons of water for each person in the world - , how scientists use echo sounding to find out the physical features of the ocean, the cause of tides in relation to the moon and the sun, and the incredible numbers of life forms in the sea. There are also a couple of pages talking about waves - both destructive (tsunamis, hurricane waves) and normal waves that you see at the beach. The fantastic color photographs are simply breathtaking. This book also has good diagrams and the text is clear and concise.

this book was part of a set of gift books, used in a science class. the pictures and text are both well done. i will be purchasing the rest of this series.

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