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# **The Secret Life Of Lobsters**

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## Synopsis

In this intimate portrait of an island lobstering community and an eccentric band of renegade biologists, journalist Trevor Corson escorts the listener onto the slippery decks of fishing boats, through danger-filled scuba dives, and deep into the churning currents of the Gulf of Maine to learn about the secret undersea lives of lobsters.

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## Customer Reviews

Okay, so this does indeed tell you about lobsters, but just American lobsters (as expected, I guess). He gives a single long paragraph about the diversity of lobster forms and that's it. He also talks way too much about this one family of lobsterpeople (lobsterpersons?). I didn't think that was necessary. Anyway, it has a few maps in the front and the paperback edition has a post-script with a few lobster diagrams illustrating anatomy. No photos or index and only a tiny further reading section. While I did learn plenty about one kind of lobster, I think I could've done without all the people stuff. I discovered lobsters are disgusting and lack refined ethical practices.

Unless you think you can work up a proper "give a darn" about the bedroom habits of lobsters, buying this book is probably a mistake. If you can picture yourself spending a few hours perusing the matter, however, it's a pretty good read. I should note in passing that I paid considerably less for this book than the currently asked Kindle price of \$11.99, and will never pay more than \$9.99 for an electronic download that costs the publisher practically nothing to store and deliver. At a reduced

price, however, it's a good read. The author has a pleasant voice, and did his homework.

This is the second time I read this life cycle of lobsters and those hardy folks who catch them for a living. Sometimes it becomes a little too technical, however the alternating between science and the lives of the families who spend their lives trying to sustain and make a living in the most adverse conditions makes it an easy read (which is why I read it cover to cover again).

I enjoyed this. I think the mixing of the fishermen's narratives and the scientists makes this accessible to a lot of people. I did want more science, though. For me, there was too much story and not enough science. I felt like my takeaway was more about how the lobster populations were studied than actual lobsters, and that wasn't quite what I was looking for even though it was very well written and presented.

If you ever wanted to know about lobsters and lobster fishing, this is the book. The book goes into every detail of this industry. The book is well written with both technical and personal experiences of the lives of the fishermen. It is really an informative book, and is well written.

This book showed up on as a suggestion in non-fiction. I did not know what to expect but I enjoyed it very much. The science was at an understandable and the subject matter was surprisingly interesting. I especially enjoyed the insight into the workings on how government scientists impact the livelihood of people without ever interacting with those very people. A good read

The author lived and worked with the lobster catchers for two years. He knew the environmental and scientific experts. He studied the reports from governmental workers; therefore he gave an unbiased "report" of the secret life of lobsters. However, being from Southwest USA, I learned more than I wanted to know about lobsters. My favorite portions were about the family life of the people who are isolated on an island for years.

Trevor Corson did a fantastic job with this book. Although the end of the novel still leaves some questions unanswered (which, I believe, is more a sign of the state of our understanding of the seas), the stories within are wondrous and fascinating. Weaving a tale from the lives of lobster men, to the satellites that observe oceanic currents, the quest to understand, catch, and conserve lobsters has many actors and takes many interesting turns. I loved this book, and would gladly

recommend it to anyone.

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