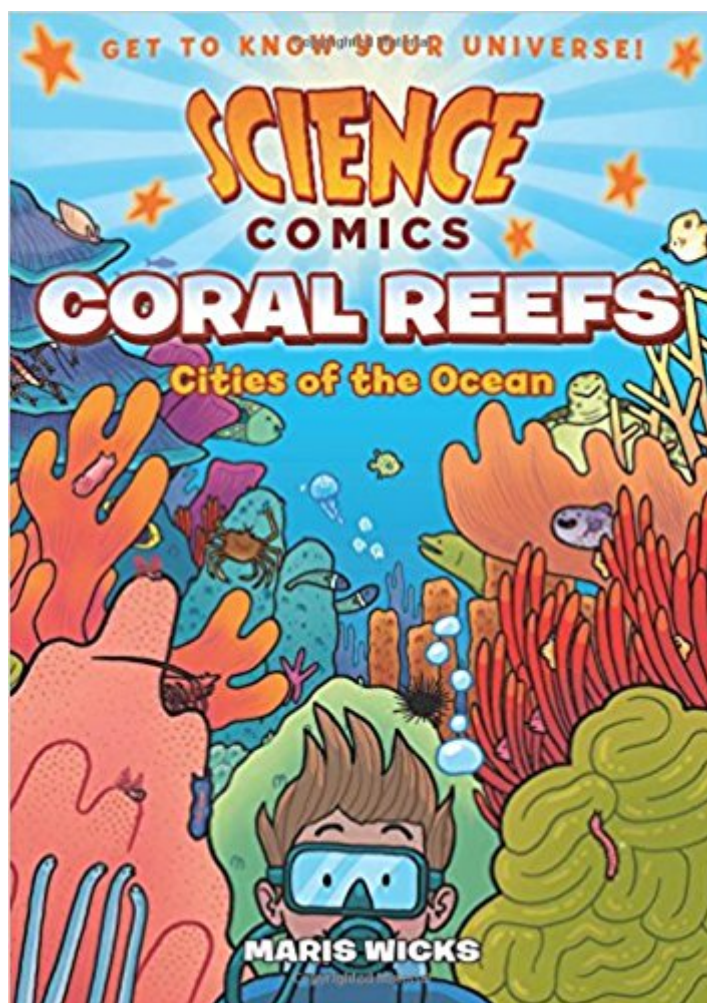


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# Science Comics: Coral Reefs: Cities Of The Ocean



## Synopsis

Every volume of Science Comics offers a complete introduction to a particular topic--dinosaurs, coral reefs, the solar system, volcanoes, bats, flying machines, and more. These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer wildly entertaining views of their subjects. Whether you're a fourth grader doing a natural science unit at school or a thirty-year-old with a secret passion for airplanes, these books are for you! This volume: in Coral Reefs, we learn all about these tiny, adorable sea animals! This absorbing look at ocean science covers the biology of coral reefs as well as their ecological importance. Nonfiction comics genius Maris Wicks brings to bear her signature combination of hardcore cuteness and in-depth science.

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Hello! I'd like to introduce you to my habitat. The Coral Reef. Is coral a plant or an animal? I think the answer will surprise you. There's so much to learn about these tiny, adorable sea animals.

"Like having a Time Life Science Library in comic books. Which is awesome!" — Popular Science  
"Author and illustrator Wicks's experience shines through with accurate facts and appealing, colorful drawings." — School Library Journal

Maris Wicks lives in Somerville, Massachusetts. She has harnessed the power of her various biological systems to draw comics for Adhouse Books, Tugboat Press, and Spongebob Comics, and has written stories for Image and DC Comics. Wicks is the illustrator of New York Times Bestselling Primates, with Jim Ottaviani. Her solo graphic novels include Human Body Theater and Science Comics: Coral Reefs. She is quite fond of being in the water, whether it's swimming in ponds or scuba diving in the Atlantic Ocean.

The Science Comics series uses the graphic novel format to inform kids (and adults) about popular topics. In this case, the topic is coral reefs. The narrator is a sassy yellow goby fish who explains the facts about coral reefs and their inhabitants. There is a wealth of information in this book, and it may be a bit much for younger kids. Then again, if they are interested in the subject, kids can remember a surprising number of facts. The illustrations are bright and beautiful, and labeled diagrams are provided to help explain the facts. In the back of the book, readers will find a glossary, bibliography, and a list of additional resources. The book also gives information about conservation and real examples of what kids can do to help. The book was a fun read and I learned a lot about coral reefs.

Another one of Maris Wick's winner! We have her other book, Human Body Theater, and it was a hit. I think we like the Human Body Theater book more, but the Coral Reefs one is also cute and very educational. I highly recommend this book along with Human Body Theater.

I purchased copies of this gem for a middle school marine science class. They are excellent! I am not a fan of graphic novels or comics in general, but this is engaging and contains a LOT of great information about the ocean and organisms unfamiliar to most people. I highly recommend this book to teachers, parents and reef aquarium hobbyists.

Great for science minded kids

Big success.

My precocious 7 year old devoured this book! Even better, he was able to explain to me - accurately! - the concepts covered in the book. I wish there were more non-fiction graphic novel-formatted books like this one for young kids!

Fun and fact filled book. Definitely for grades 5 or older. Fun way to present the facts.

A fun and educational way to learn about the coral reefs written in graphic novel form! The book arrived in a timely manner in great condition.

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