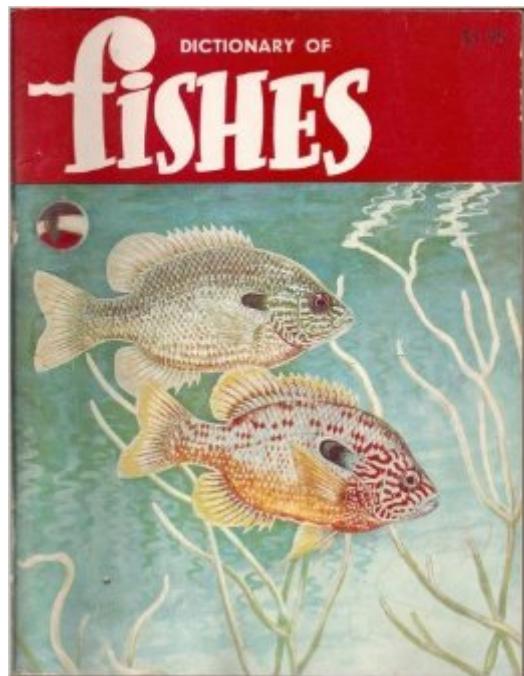


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This is an old school fish book with lots of interesting stories and facts about fish that most guides don't include. The illustrations are unique. I remember it from when I was a kid and was happy to find it here.

Simply one of the two best books for identifying books in this region (southeastern United States and Caribbean) -- that's from personal knowledge/experience. Literally, every fish we've ever caught has been in this soft-cover 130+ page gem. Rube Allen, a former Sports/Fishing writer from a St. Petersburg FL newspaper, is experienced (first hand) and shares a wealth of information. Not only do you see what the fish looks like, you'll know where it haunts, what it feeds on, if it's edible, (food-value) and lots of other interesting information in a concise format (basically, a paragraph or two/three per fish).....Anyway, though I'm only experienced with the fish in this region, the information contained is accurate and useful. I believe from that, you may safely assume that the fishes found elsewhere would have accurate information as well. Continuing, aboard our boat we had numerous books. This (and one other -- Florida Fishing by Gordon Lewis) were the two most frequently referenced fish books we owned. My own copy is ragged, taped together and full of notes. Any copy would be a valuable addition to your collection. Buy it!

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