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# Underwater Dogs



## Synopsis

The exuberant, exhilarating photographs of dogs underwater that have become a sensation From the water's surface, it's a simple exercise: a dog's leap, a splash, and then a wet head surfacing with a ball, triumphant. But beneath the water is a chaotic ballet of bared teeth and bubbles, paddling paws, fur and ears billowing in the currents. From leaping Lab to diving Dachshund, the water is where a dog's distinct personality shines through; some lounge in the current, paddling slowly, but others arch their bodies to cut through the water with the focus and determination of a shark. In more than eighty portraits, award-winning pet photographer and animal rights activist Seth Casteel captures new sides of our old friends with vibrant underwater photography that makes it impossible to look away. Each image bubbles with exuberance and life, a striking reminder that even in the most loveable and domesticated dog, there are more primal forces at work. In *Underwater Dogs*, Seth Casteel gives playful and energetic testament to the rough-and-tumble joy that our dogs bring into our lives.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Included in O, The Oprah Magazine's holiday gift guide, Entertainment Weekly's best-selling gift books list, and The Star-Ledger's holiday gift guide. Seth Casteel's photographs are "a global phenomenon." -- Wired "Surprising and funny." -- New York Times "A great coffee table book." -- The Huffington Post "These pictures are amazing and sometimes terrifying." -- The New York Times

Book Review's "Inside the List" "The arresting portraits in Seth Casteel's Underwater Dogs reveal what's happening below the surface. Teeth gnashing, paws paddling, primal and hilarious, these canines bubble with irresistible energy." -- O, The Oprah Magazine "Seth Casteel's photos of dogs diving into swimming pools in hot pursuit of neon tennis balls have been a sensation." -- Washington Post "Wide-eyed, wet-haired dog portraiture." -- Los Angeles Times "The gorgeous, energetic snapshots are special in that they capture our pets in a primal state we rarely get to see." -- Entertainment Weekly's Shelf Life "Different from anything you've seen before." -- CNN.com "Alternately gorgeous and terrifying, but always visually sumptuous." -- Entertainment Weekly "It's impossible to look at Underwater Dogs without smiling.... A delight-inducing book." -- BookPage "Every image in this fetching work bubbles with life, reminding the reader that even in the most lovable and domesticated dog, there may be more primal forces at work." -- Publishers Weekly "The most popular photography book of 2012." -- The San Francisco Chronicle "If you're as much of a sucker for great animal photos as I am, you'll love this different take on man's best friend." -- Melanie Stetson Freeman, Christian Science Monitor "Alternately humorous, rejuvenating, and even a little scary, these pictures of man's best friend in man's most essential liquid make us wonder why someone didn't think of taking pictures like this sooner." -- Complex.com "Award-winning photographer Casteel captures his range of subjects with great affection and the variety of expressions and acrobatic poses will keep you chuckling for hours." -- The Daily Mail "These aqua-doggies are guaranteed to bring a smile to almost any face as they become a whimsically single-minded parade of bared teeth and whooshing paws going after the balls and other objects that Casteel tossed into his pool just before clicking away on his underwater camera." -- American Profile "Now we know exactly what to put on our holiday wish list!" -- pawnation.com "... it's the gleeful images of dogs plunging into swimming pools, chomping after their favorite toys, that have put Casteel on the map as one of this country's premier - and innovative - pet photographers." -- petsugar.com "Photographer Seth Casteel has done an unimaginable thing: he's created an entire photography book of dogs from an underwater perspective, and the photos are simply stunning.... Casteel is not only an animal lover but also an animal rescuer, and his genuine love of dogs shines through in his work." -- Babble Pets "Dogs expressing their graceful and goofy selves while swimming." -- vetstreet.com

Seth Casteel is an award-winning photographer and the author of the national bestseller *Underwater Dogs* and *Underwater Puppies*. His series of underwater dog photographs have brought him worldwide attention, entertaining and bewildering millions of animal lovers. As an

established member of the animal rescue community, Seth has been recognized by TIME Magazine, The Today Show, and The Humane Society of the United States for his efforts, and his underwater dog photographs have been featured in The New York Times, on Animal Planet, and in hundreds of other outlets. He lives in California.

The idea of taking underwater pix of dogs is revolutionary and the purchase is certainly worth it. Yet, my mistake, I hadn't realized that the book's dimensions do not allow any larger picture. Double-page images being cut right in the middle due to the binding, the pictures appear less beautiful than they could.

I assume dogs have ALWAYS looked like this when they are diving & playing in the water. Now, Seth Casteel has captured for us views that have never been seen before. After a 1-page introduction, each turn of a page shows a photo of a dog looking into water or diving under the surface pursuing a toy. Each dog is identified by name, breed, & age. One looks like a shark, one looks like a donkey, others look like alligators. Nearly all have their eyes wide open, the better to follow a ball or other toy. Some appear goofy (like the dog on the cover), some appear scary, all are intensely focused. A word about the layout of the book: of the 90 pictures, only 10 have the binding crease touching a dog's face. I didn't feel this was bothersome. I wondered what the dogs looked like when they were not under water. At the back are small b&w headshots taken when the dogs were sitting pretty for the camera on dry land. I don't know whether I will look through this book over & over again. But my life is richer now that I have seen these photos.

This book has some very funny and beautiful photographs of these dogs. It is one of those books that is not only good for the intended recipient, but also will entertain any guests one may have. One issue I had with this book was the layout. Some photos are centered, which means that due to the binding the photos are essentially disfigured by the layout. You can't see the whole expression of the dog, despite the fact it was enlarged around two pages for the purpose of highlighting that photo. Other photos were off-center, or covered one page, which made it much more fitting for the format. If they would change the centering so that photos were not cut off by the binding, or bind it differently, that would improve the quality of the printing and make all the photographs equally visible.

I love underwater dogs and this is my second calendar, but I do have to say I'm extremely

disappointed in the photos. They are the same photos that were in the 2014 appointment book. There's nothing new to see here. If you have the 2014 calendar and accompanying appointment book, the 2015 Calendar are those same pictures. I had assumed a new year would bring new photos.

I bought this calendar because I love this photographer, and I needed a small calendar. While I love the photographs, I'm taking off a star for a few reasons. First of all, the description says that there are four bonus months of September-December 2013. I thought that this meant that there would be four extra months with pictures, but it doesn't. That just means that on the inside cover, there is a printout of four months (i.e. 4 mini calendar grids), each a quarter of a page. Secondly, just keep in mind that the boxes in this calendar month are quite small. The calendar is 7"x7", and each date box is 17/16" tall and 15/16" wide. If you need to actually write stuff or put reminders (in my case, stickers) in these boxes, be aware that there isn't much space, though the description reads "daily grids still provide room for jotting notes, appointments, birthdays and reminders." If you need the calendar just to keep track of dates, then I think this compact calendar would work well.

A laugh out loud funny and sweet testimony to the awesomeness of dogs. I think the photographs are beautiful. My only complaint is many of the pages have the dogs face right across the spine/binding so you can't see it very well. It wasn't laid out well- who would do that to a beautiful picture? I first saw this at Barnes and Noble bookstore and wanted to buy it really bad but I'm glad I bought it used on , after looking through it a few times, I was over it and glad I didn't spend \$20 plus on it at the bookstore. A must see, must share book for dog lovers.

If you are looking for an outstanding gift for a dog lover, these books are the ticket. You'll get smiles and even tears (if the lover is more of and obsessed with dogs person, don't ask me how I know) when you give these as gifts. The quality of the pictures and printing is outstanding, there are many different breeds and it's a great coffee table conversation piece as well.

Love this goofy book. I got it for Christmas from my boyfriend's sister and I have it on my coffee table as a conversational book. Everyone always reaches for it because the cover is so funny & cute. I bought one for my grandpa who's a crazy dog person. He absolutely loved it. It's a great gift for that special dog person in your life.

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