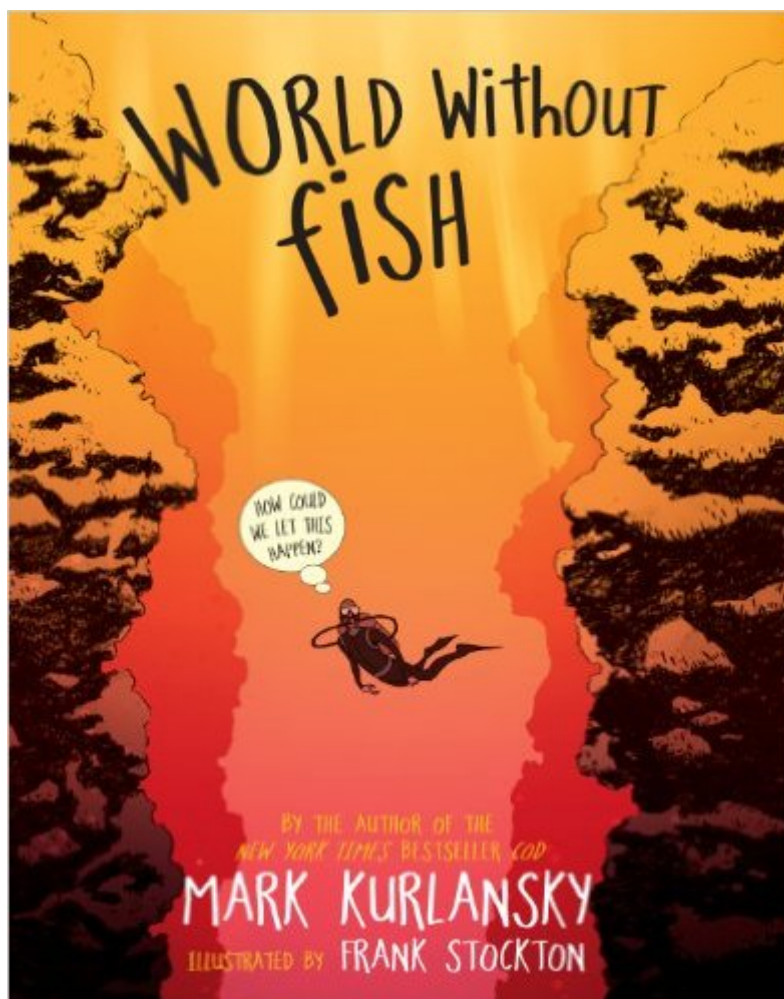


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# World Without Fish



## Synopsis

Announcing the paperback edition of *World Without Fish*, the uniquely illustrated narrative nonfiction account "for kids" of what is happening to the world's oceans and what they can do about it. Written by Mark Kurlansky, the bestselling author of *Cod*, *Salt*, *The Big Oyster*, and many other books, *World Without Fish* has been praised as "urgent" (Publishers Weekly) and "a wonderfully fast-paced and engaging primer on the key questions surrounding fish and the sea" (Paul Greenberg, author of *Four Fish*). It has also been included in the New York State Expeditionary Learning English Language Arts Curriculum. Written by a master storyteller, *World Without Fish* connects all the dots—biology, economics, evolution, politics, climate, history, culture, food, and nutrition—in a way that kids can really understand. It describes how the fish we most commonly eat, including tuna, salmon, cod, swordfish—even anchovies—could disappear within fifty years, and the domino effect it would have: the oceans teeming with jellyfish and turning pinkish orange from algal blooms, the seabirds disappearing, then reptiles, then mammals. It describes the back-and-forth dynamic of fishermen, who are the original environmentalists, and scientists, who not that long ago considered fish an endless resource. It explains why fish farming is not the answer—and why sustainable fishing is, and how to help return the oceans to their natural ecological balance. Interwoven with the book is a twelve-page full-color graphic novel. Each beautifully illustrated chapter opener links to the next to form a larger fictional story that perfectly complements the text.

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Age Range: 10 - 18 years

Grade Level: 5 and up

## **Customer Reviews**

This book is great for a young scientist or avid reader who wants to read something, be entertained by the story, and learn some key concepts about science. Great for struggling readers too. This book would be great in a classroom to help students see the cause and effect relationship of humans on our world, as well as helping students see that their opinion and thoughts matter. Consumerism is also touched in this book along with graphic novel pages to summarize each chapter and help synthesize student's knowledge before moving to the next chapter.

I absolutely love this book. Great information, aesthetically pleasing pages & layouts, easy to read and understand even for my 7 year old. Everyone should read this and everyone should share this with their children. This book is fantastic!

There was a time when fish was cheap and plentiful. However, that time has passed, along with the days of sailing ships. As the author Mark Kurlansky writes, society was slow to realize that commercial fishing could cause its own demise -- by overfishing. However, the pattern that led to declining fisheries can be reversed. The free market's relentless pursuit of prime fish like large tuna and shark can be re-directed and managed. The answer isn't to completely stop fishing, since fish is too important and even vital for many people, but to start sustainable fishing. To that, I'll add the role of river restoration on the American East Coast, as promoted by supporters of herring and menhaden (see "Running Silver" by John Waldman). This book makes a very good present for middle, high school, and college age readers, and anyone who is going to campaign for a hopeful future for the world's oceans. Very good summaries of the challenge, solutions, and organizations to work with.

I can't buy fish in the supermarket anymore...my eyes are open. I highly recommend this book to all adults. Kids will understand it much more quickly and easily than adults, actually, because they are not the set-in-stone consumers that we "grown-ups" have become. It is definitely a bitter pill to swallow, but if we don't each take personal responsibility for our role in the consumption cycle, and **CHANGE OUR HABITS AND PURCHASES**, then we will doom ourselves to the fate described in this book. Read it!!

Clear, straightforward and candid history of fishing worldwide, and the current state of fish and the oceans. I was amazed at all I did not know! A great adult read.

In my usual preview of gifts for my 12-yr-old grandson, I became engrossed in reading this excellent depiction of this specific problem of climate change. My grandson sped through it once and then began re-reading it again. He was also excited to share it with his science teacher. Finally, two friends of my daughter's, who are researchers in water ecology, visited over the holidays, saw the book, and became excited enough to get their own copies. An excellent introduction to the complex issues of ecology for middle-schoolers and above.

Having spent my life and career at the ocean, including a stint on a commercial fishing ship, I now am a mid-continent dweller that buys fish at the grocery store. I have a rounded perspective on the subject matter - and I believe this book is important reading for kids and adults. I've seen the impacts that Kurlansky clearly and fairly describes. Kurlansky not only tells the reader where we are, how we got here, and the paths from here, but also how we can follow a path that leads to a future that our children's children's children can embrace. It is an engaging read for kids and adults, and I recommend it for the coffee table for any coastal resort, beach house, fishing resort, or home library. In fact, I am buying 10 copies to leave here and there when I travel in the Caribbean.

Though I was under the impression this book was geared towards younger kids, I was surprised and impressed at how thorough and detailed all of the information was! Facts and both sides of biases were well presented.

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