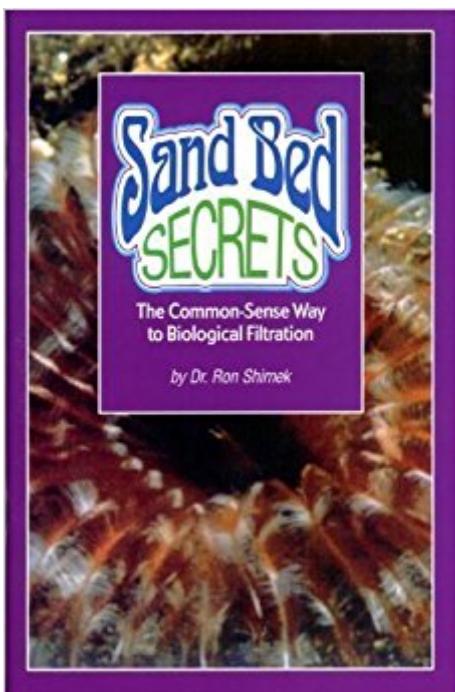


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# Sand Bed Secrets: The Common-Sense Way To Biological Filtration



## **Synopsis**

This small book is designed to provide the reader with all the essentials of constructing a deep sand filter in a coral reef aquarium.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ron got his start down the path to becoming a marine invertebrate zoologist and ecologist with his first saltwater aquarium in 1962, in Great Falls, Montana, which housed his first marine invertebrate, a small specimen of the infamous Aiptasia, along with a couple of insignificant fishes. Ron has maintained marine aquaria more or less continuously starting in 1972.

Be nice if there was a bit more meat in the book and if the author did not want 5 bucks like Charlie Brown when you have a question. ☺ ☺ ☺

This guide is a very comprehensive way to learn what a DSB is, why it works and how to set it up. It has a list of what animals to keep and what NOT to keep which is the most important thing on a DSB. Overall the content is great but the price for it seems too much in my opinion as all of the info presented here can be found on Dr. Ron Shimeck's website. One section of the booklet (as it is not really a book) is literally copy & pasted from there (which makes sense since he wrote it). If you're a person who likes to read paper and not in a computer screen this is what you want. If you don't mind the computer screen and want to save a few bucks go to his website and read his blog.

Great book, is a little short but very valuable information. If you are not interested in use DSB in your main aquarium, use it in the sump and if you are planning use a DSB this book is for you.

One of the most enlightening readings on reef aquarium keeping. Deep sand beds are maybe the most widely misunderstood topic in the hobby. People keep being unable to understand that a deep sand bed is a small ecosystem, and none of its components are "optional", also unable to understand that a properly set up sand bed puts Mother Nature(tm) to work for us essentially for free. But the devil is in the details, and Shimek points them out really well. Some people are complaining that this little gem talks too much about critters, but that's exactly the point. We are alive because legions of bugs and bacteria keep ecosystems alive, helping to keep them stable. A properly set up DSB can do the same for our tanks, and Shimek makes its case really well. I repeat, a must-read. Absolutely.

Very easily understood and well written book about what goes on out of site in the marine tank sand bed. A must read when deciding what and how much substrate will be used when setting up a tank.

This little book was worth every penny. Well written, it was easy to understand and very thorough. All you want to know about deep sand beds for saltwater aquariums is covered in this book.

Deep Sand Beds are a pretty new concept out there. I've been reading a lot on the net about it, and got the book thinking that I would really get a lot more practical details out of it so as a marine enthusiast I could put it to work. Frankly, it has too much details on "infauna" (those critters that live in the sand bed) for the ignorant, but not enough for the really versed. And certainly did not really add a lot to what is already public knowledge.

I really did not find the small booklet helpful at all. You can get more practical information from other sources.

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