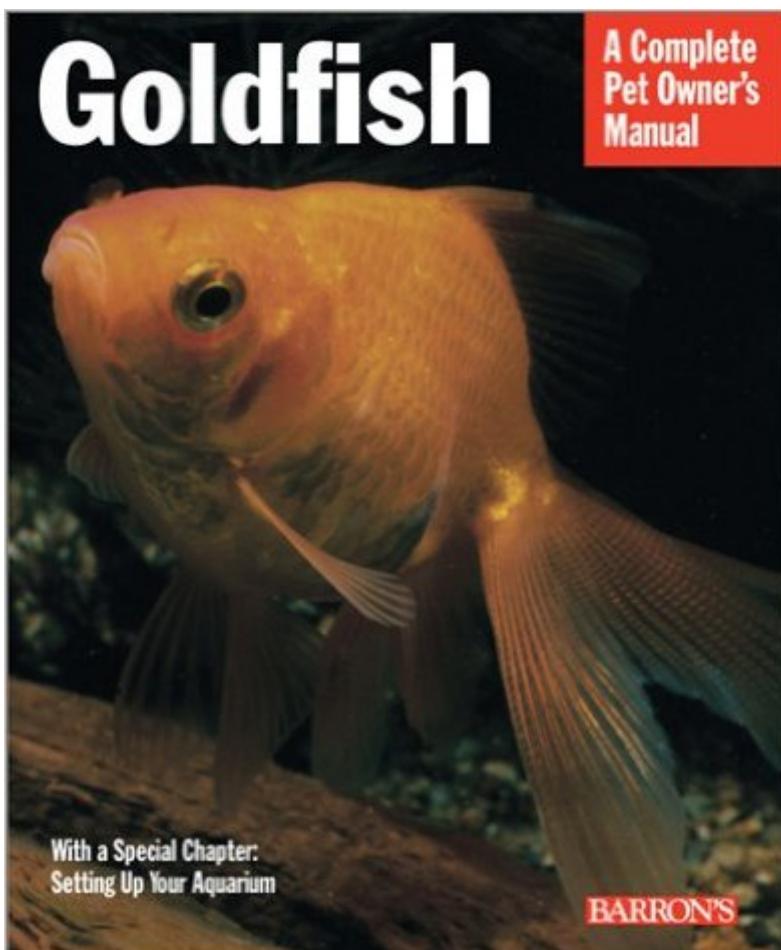


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# Goldfish (Barron's Complete Pet Owner's Manuals (Paperback))



## Synopsis

This manual describes a species of hardy fish that can be kept indoors or in outdoor pools. Original goldfish are yellow, but as this book of advice for aquarium hobbyists explains, selective breeding produces goldfish in several colors, as well as with a variety of exotic features. Titles in Barron's wide-ranging and heavily illustrated selection of Complete Pet Owner's Manuals present reliable and useful information for pet owners. High-quality photos are in color and line drawings are anatomically accurate. These fact-filled books instruct owners on how to care for dogs, cats, birds, fish, caged pets, reptiles, and virtually every other animal that people are likely to keep as a pet. Books in this series are written by breeders, trainers, veterinarians, and other pet-care specialists. They advise on purchasing, feeding, health care, training, grooming, and all other aspects of responsible pet ownership.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is great for the reader who is just beginning with goldfish. It has wonderful pictures and shows a variety of types of goldfish. I still look at it and have read it over and over. Very interesting. I highly recommend this book. If someone is looking about breeding goldfish however I would recommend a different book as it does go into it a little but if you are looking to breed show goldfish and need more info then this would not be for you.

I find this to be a helpful guide, and it has given me the tools for a solid understanding of goldfish.

Written by Marshall Ostrow and originally released in 1985, this second edition was printed in 1995.

It is in softcover format and contains 94 pages. There are 11 chapters along with a bibliography and index. The color photographs are attractive, and the black-and-white drawings are impressive and handy. Examples of topics discussed are habitations for goldfish, aquarium equipment, aquarium plants, setup of the aquarium, varieties of goldfish, selecting goldfish, aquarium maintenance, feeding, diseases, senses, shape and structure, breeding, and pondkeeping. There is a drawing of a goldfish with its external parts pointed out and also drawings that display the developmental stages of a goldfish. I actually rate this manual 3.5 stars. It is informative and pleasing, and I recommend it.

This book is a great buy for the money. It provides good coverage to just about every aspect of raising goldfish. Nice and thin paperback with small type to travel easily. Good photos and illustrations. My only disappointment is its section on water chemistry, which basically says, "change the water a lot".

I found this book to be very useful in preparing me to get my first goldfish. I would recommend reading it before you go out and buy your aquarium and fish, because it has lots of information about selecting an aquarium and setting it up. It also describes some of the different types of goldfish, so you can determine what type would be best for you (some are not as hardy as others and so are not good for beginners). The book is rather short, but it's meant as more of a basic informative guide for the beginning goldfish keeper rather than as a detailed manual for advanced raising/breeding of goldfish. It's full of useful tips on everything from how to make your aquarium aesthetically pleasing, to what types of goldfish are best kept together. It also talks a little bit about the history of the goldfish species and about goldfish anatomy, and why some types are more prone to problems than others. The author stresses the importance of maintaining a clean aquarium and preventing health problems before they start. I own several of the Barron's line of pet-keeping manuals, and I've found it to be a very good series. I would recommend this book to someone who's thinking about getting their first goldfish; it's a fun and informative read.

Fairly disappointed. 1. This is way out of date, it's a reprint from the 80s. 2. Bad guide!! As a goldfish keeper I am more than well aware of the basics, and if someone is just starting off this will get it all wrong for them. NEVER keep fish in a fishbowl! Especially goldfish. EVER.

A good book for beginners. The title misguides the reader into thinking it is a complete reference for

goldfish. The author briefly touches many of the topics. I regret buying this book because it did not solve my questions about diseases, plant care, water quality, and nutrition. A good book for kids. Nice photographs.

I found out this book is very useful to the beginner like me. I learned a lot of things from this book especially in setting up the aquarium.

This book was grrrrrreat. The chapters were well organized and Maurice gave a good open but firm view on the issue to hepl you decide how to best take care of your Goldfish. This is a must have for Goldfish owners. It is indespensible.

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