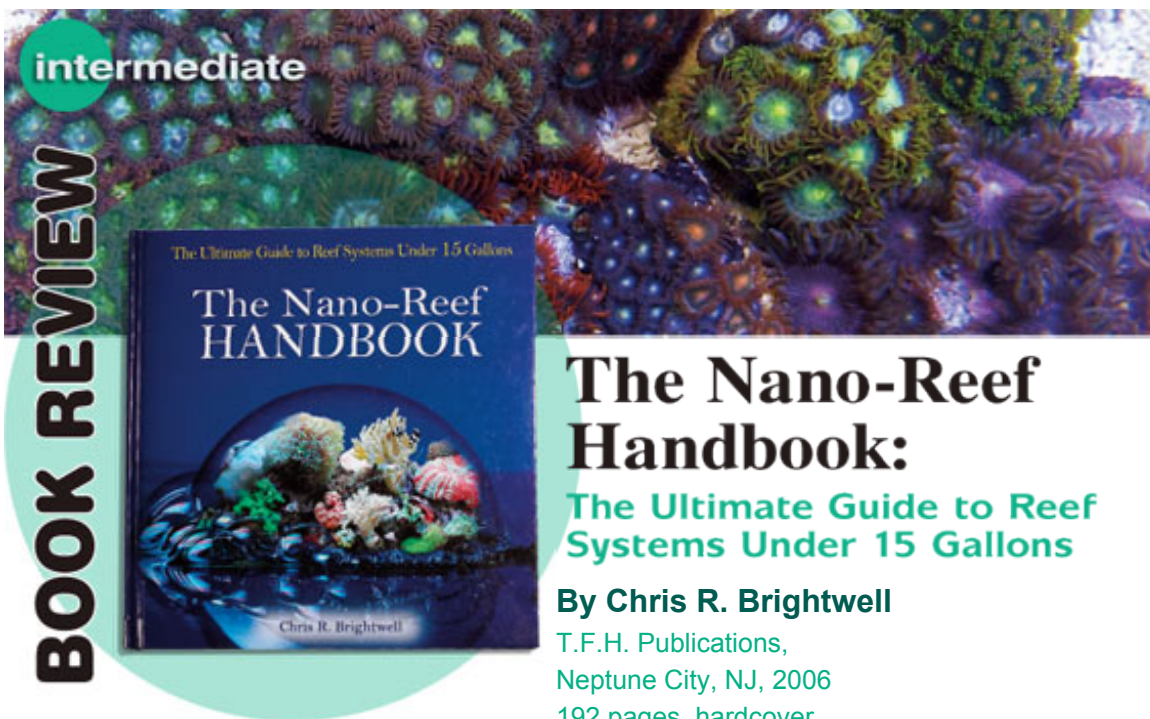


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192 pages, hardcover

Written by a marine scientist with 25-plus years of experience as an aquarium hobbyist, [The Nano-Reef Handbook](#) introduces readers to the joys and complexities of owning a small reef aquarium. By the end of the book, readers learn if a nano-reef system is right for them.

*The Nano-Reef Handbook* is organized into three sections. The first section, "The Nano-Reef System," discusses the first key to aquarium success - water quality. In this section readers also learn about aquarium selection and routine maintenance. The second section, "Sensible Stocking," warns against overstocking and encourages careful selection of livestock. Much of this section is devoted to livestock descriptions. The third section, "Creating A Balanced Nano-Reef Ecosystem," wraps up with a step-by-step guide to setting up a new aquarium.

Fully illustrated with colorful photographs and informative tables, this is the must-have guide for any aquarium hobbyist considering taking the leap into the world of nano-reefs.

