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With more than 700 photos, Volume 3 of the Reef Aquarium Series is a must for any aquarist's bookshelf. According to the authors, Volume 3 deals with "...more simple and natural approaches to duplicating tropical reef ecosystems." Volume 3 looks at some special habitats associated with coral reefs and describes how to duplicate these in your aquarium.

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