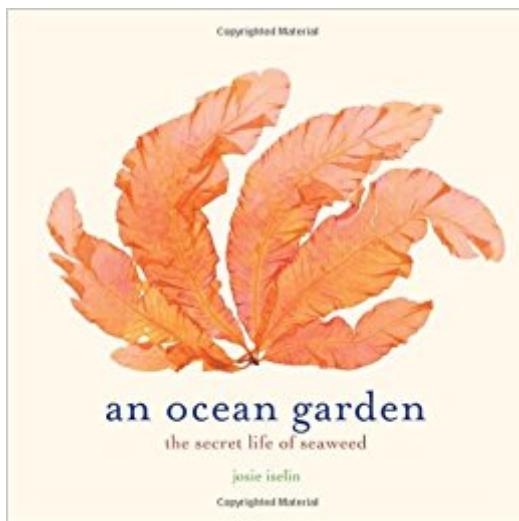


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# An Ocean Garden: The Secret Life Of Seaweed



## Synopsis

In her captivating new book, artist and avid beachcomber Josie Iselin returns to the seashore to reveal the unexpected beauty of seaweed. Produced on a flatbed scanner, Iselin's vibrant portraits of ocean flora reveal the exquisite color and extraordinary forms of more than 200 specimens gathered from tidal pools along the California and Maine coasts. Her engaging text, which accompanies the images, blends personal observation and philosophical musings with scientific fact. Like her previous books, *An Ocean Garden: The Secret Life of Seaweed* is a poetic and compelling tribute to the natural world and the wonder it evokes.

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"Beguiling. . . . Ms. Iselin's images made using a flatbed scanner are a reminder that the natural world and that of abstract art aren't that far apart." (The New York Times)  
"Visually captivating . . . a visual delight." (ForeWord Reviews)

Josie Iselin is a photographer, writer, and book designer with six previous books to her credit, including *Beach Stones*, *Heart Stones*, and *Beach: A Book of Treasure*. She holds a B.A. in Visual and Environmental Studies from Harvard University and an M.F.A. from San Francisco State University. She shows her artwork regularly at galleries and museums throughout the United States. Her work is on view at [www.josieiselin.com](http://www.josieiselin.com). She lives and works in San Francisco, where she walks the beach often.

Each page of this book is a delight to be savoured. The shape and form of the seaweeds is a revelation of nature's wonder. The text is very informative as well. This is how science should be shown to kids - in all its beauty and yet with its ability to survive the savage seas.

When I ordered this book on , I couldn't wait to have the real thing in my hands so I ordered it on Kindle. Just beautiful!

Such a sweet little book of perfectly illustrated seaweed. It's really a very pretty book. I collect seaweed when at a beach and press it so it's actually helpful also.

Excellent text and images of seaweeds are beautiful. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in seaweeds or would like a good nature book on something different.

Beautiful! Because most of the algae in the book are fairly common, it's been a good tool to use to identify many of the more common species in my area!

I bought this as a gift for a marine life illustrator. She called right away to say that it beautifully brings attention to a rarely recognized subject.

Outstanding!

Gorgeous photos, and interesting stories, as well as scientific information. Loved it.

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