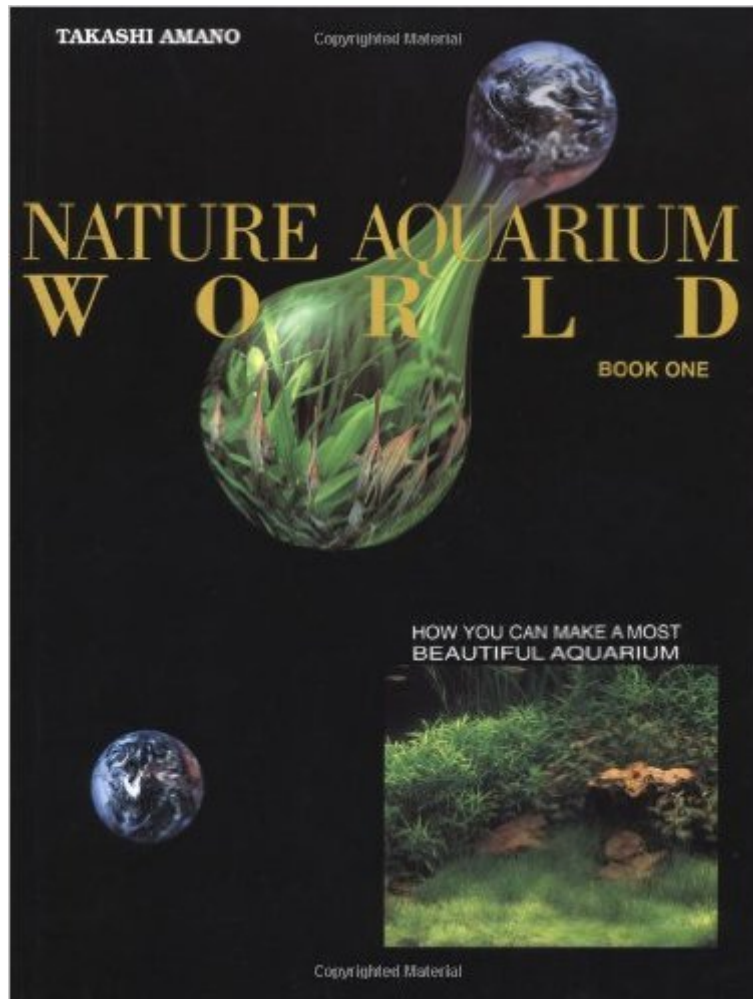


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Customer Reviews

If you are looking to be absolutely blown away by the exquisite beauty of lush aquatic plants and delicate fish composed in a harmonious aquatic "painting," here you go. The sheer loveliness and mastery of Amano's aquascapes could inspire anyone to become interested in the care and arrangement of aquatic plants. Some of the English translations are a bit awkward, but the point is the fabulous images. Get this book for the purpose of inspiration, but don't expect it to go into advanced detail about the processes involved in creating an Amano-level aquascape - at least not without a CO2 system (which Amano's 'scapes seem, unfortunately, to depend on). Also, don't expect to be able to run out to your local pet shop and order up a batch of many of the plants Amano uses. In spite of how the above sounds, I've read the other reviews so I was forewarned, and my overall opinion is that this is a must-own, beautiful book. NOTE: If you want to look at examples of aquariums that would fit in the average household, or if you're not an owner of a 200-gallon tank, I would recommend Nature Aquarium World II - it deals strictly with small tanks. The printing processes and page layouts are not as spectacular as Book I, but you may find the

examples more practical.

This is the first of a unique and wonderful trilogy showing Takashi Amano's fantastic creations. His aquariums are underwater representations of how he sees given niches of the natural world. These books are to be viewed as visual poetry, useful primarily for appreciation and inspiration. They are not meant to be used as references and sources of information for the aquarist, especially for the beginner. This first book contains photos of dozens of tanks ranging from very small to very large, and for each tank there is a listing of data which characterizes it: Photographing date, tank dimensions, water content, lighting, filtering, substrate, CO2 supply, fertilization, water change, and the levels of temperature, pH, GH, KH, Nitrite, Nitrate, CO2 and O2. In this book there is hardly any info on the fish and plants portayed in each tank.

Besieged by ugliness in the aquariums that you've seen? Grown tired of the neon plants and gravel in every color of the rainbow-type typical petstore displays? This book is the answer. Breathtaking photos and exacting descriptions (of both the photography techniques and the plants, stones, substrates, etc. used to create the scenes are included. I would've given it the full 5 stars, but..like most amazing 'how-to' books, these scenes are more of a nirvana that aqariums could wish to attain instead of practical set-ups for Joe everyman. However, even the lush (and very expensive) plant materials and displays can serve as inspiration for current or potential aquarium owners to harmonize their little underwater worlds with nature...instead of masking it over with horrid fluorescent colors.

The high quality photography and stylish layout of the book will inspire any would-be aquarist. However, this is not an encyclopedia. So if you are looking for detailed information on specific plant species and aquarium setups, look elsewhere.

This book is a fantastic coffee table book. If you are looking for aquascaping inspiration BUY THIS BOOK!!. However if you are looking for instruction on how to aquascape it does not give you this. The only gripe is that Takashi Amano hasen't named any of the wonderful flora or fauna used. In my opinion it is the best book out of the three 'Nature Aquarium World' series although his other two go into more detail. Buy it and you won't be able to put it down. Beautifully enchanting, a true work of art.

Takashi Amano is a highly revered aquarist whose planted tanks have won him recognition and awards the world over. He is also an accomplished photographer and understands what it takes to capture a great tank photo. Is it any wonder that this book is a hit amongst those aspiring to a more beautiful planted fish tank? On top of being an inspiring book (and a great coffee table book), Mr Amano teaches you the fundamentals of tank design with some great insight into balance and colour harmony. While this book is very inspiring, it is not a comprehensive planted aquarium book. You would do well to purchase this book alongside a general "how to" book on planted Aquaria.

Leave your little goldfish bowl behind and go off into the amazing world of natural freshwater aquariums. The images alone are incredibly inspirational, but the information in the back is invaluable in setting the tank up right, the first time - and the purpose of each component. While ADA equipment is ideal for this type of aquarium, there are plenty of other options on the market and you can always choose to create a hybrid of the conventional and the ideal. Despite being some of Amano's earliest works, they're utterly timeless in design.

Some of the most beautiful pictures and arrangements of plants and fresh water fishing tanks. a lot of people say you can't beat the beauty and the colors of the saltwater fish tanks and fish all I can say to that is you don't know freshwater fish tanks. Of course these freshwater fish tanks are masterfully taken care of and arranged and grown to the point where the difficulty might be that saltwater would be easier taken care of but I've gotten close a few times to some beautiful scenery like this in some of my tanks but it's always good to dream that you can get all the way to the perfection of these arrangements and photographs I just wish I had the whole series of books or could afford them right now

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