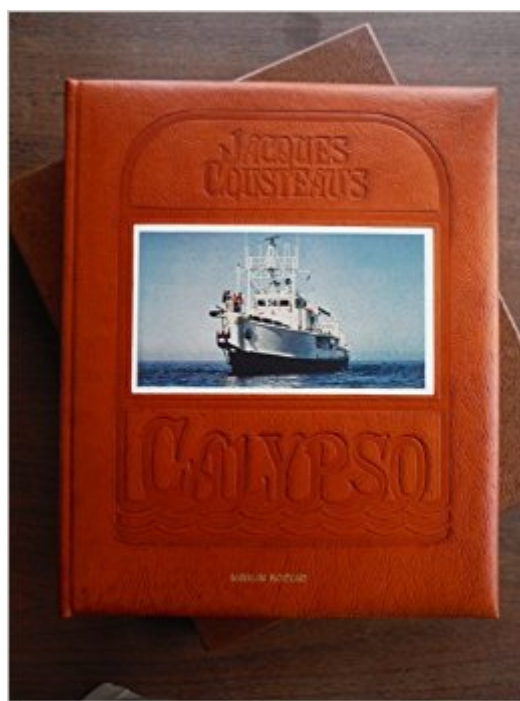


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Customer Reviews

I have owned a 20 volume boxed set of the original "The Ocean World of Jacques Cousteau" for almost 40 years but was wholly unaware of an additional volume added at some later date. That extra book was all about Calypso, the boat which, through the films and books of the late, great Jacques Cousteau, became one of the most famous in the world and finally became a separate book in its own right. Built as US Minesweeper JB-26, the original Calypso was sold to the Royal Navy before ending her military days in Malta. With weapons removed, she was then used as an inter-island ferry before being purchased and then leased to Jacques Cousteau in 1950. Over time, she underwent several transformations and whilst the addition of a helipad might easily rank amongst the most ostentatious, another addition proved to be a real money saver. In front of the stem of the original ship was fitted a false nose at the bottom of which was an underwater observation chamber. With access hatch at deck level, a person could climb down an upright tunnel - something akin to a number of 50 gallon oil drums welded end to end, before entering an orb shaped observation chamber fitted with glass portholes. Whilst this device was excellent for watching Dolphins as they swam with the boat and played the bow waves, the structure also accidentally took on the form of an early type of bulbous nose and immediately increased the vessel's range by dramatically reducing her fuel usage. With several cross-sections and line

drawings in addition to photographs of Calypso at work, this is as complete an exposé of this very famous boat as one might wish to find. NM

I just purchased a used library copy of Jacques-Yves Cousteau's CALYPSO book, at a very low and good price, which was in better shape than I had expected. This book is a fantastic source of reference on the most important and influential diving vessels of the past century, the CALYPSO. And it is brilliantly done by the person who gave the CALYPSO the life she had, the equally remarkable Jacques-Yves Cousteau. The book contains detailed drawings and plans of the ship, with descriptive photos that show the evolution of the ship. I decided to purchase this book after I acquired the Revell's Ocean Exploration Vessel (Scale 1/125) from , which I've just equally reviewed, and I felt I needed this book to be better able to construct my model of the CALYPSO with precise details. Furthermore, the seller who sold me this book, Jackie from Spike and Tabby's, was a delight to do business with. Even at a very low price, I was treated as a 'first class' customer and I was given all the time needed to properly respond to my inquiries with all the details I wanted to help me make my purchase... and in a very friendly and personalized way. So the Cousteau's CALYPSO is almost a must for anyone who loves the sea, enjoys diving and has a taste for adventure. Or even just loves to discover something exciting and adventurous. It shows just how a person can take a dream and turn it into a beautiful reality. The CALYPSO, and all her crew and divers, marked our last century and influenced millions of people across the world. She was the AMBASSADOR of the ocean and the undersea world, which had such an impact on me, while I was a young boy, that I decided to become a commercial diver... A book to own for sure ! Gino 'IO' Salotti Montreal - Canada

This is an enjoyable popular account of the history of Cousteau and his famous exploration vessel Calypso. Chock full of color pictures from all over the world it is an arm chair adventurer's dream reference. Scale ship modelers can see many details of the Calypso and her configuration as it changed through the years of its voyages. Those interested in oceanography and marine exploration will not be disappointed with the many abundant details of her numerous adventures in distant locales. All-in-all a wonderful addition to anyone's home library!

What is not to like about Jacques Cousteau? Cooler than John Wayne

If you are a Jacques Cousteau fan, this book is a must. It has several gate-fold diagrams of the ship as well as the story of the Calypso and its crew. I am glad that I invested in this.

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