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Watch brilliant yellow butterflyfish poke their long snouts into coral polyps while a spotted moray eel slithers out from a crevice.

*The Coral Reef Tunnel Book opens up an amazing undersea world.*



CHICAGO: Fan and lettuce leaf corals sway in the current over mounds of brain and branches of staghorn. Orange and white-striped clownfish dart in and out of an anemone's fleshy fingers while a camel shrimp skitters and hides in the folds of a sponge. Expand *The Coral Reef Tunnel Book* (Tunnel Vision Books, January 2007, ages 8–12) and the oldest, most diverse, complex ecosystem in the ocean comes alive.

*The Coral Reef Tunnel Book* is the latest in the "Take a Peek" series of tunnel books inspired by Victorian paper toys. Beautifully printed panels are die cut in exquisite detail and attached to accordion sides that allow the viewer to literally open up the scene. The sturdy board cover serves as a stand so the book can be easily displayed. *The Coral Reef Tunnel Book* includes a 16-page, full-color booklet describing the creatures of the reef, including fish, corals, and invertebrates.

Featuring vivid underwater photography by Scott W. Michael, *The Coral Reef Tunnel Book* focuses on the reef's complex food web; the mutually beneficial partnerships between

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species such as the striped Clownfish and its anemone host, and the Harlequin Sweetlips and their Wrasse and shrimp “cleaners”; and the significant threat posed by human activity.

Author Joan Sommers says, “Since my first experience snorkeling in the Caribbean I have wanted to portray the incredible beauty of the coral reef in a book for children. It’s strange and wonderful creatures, the infinite variety of colors and shapes, and the delicate balance maintained by the interaction of countless species will delight and amaze young readers. I have also included resources for learning more about reefs and organizations dedicated to their survival.”

**Joan Sommers** is a book designer, writer, and art teacher who lives in Chicago, IL.

**Scott W. Micheal** has photographed coral reefs around the world and is the author of numerous books on reef sharks and fishes. He has been a scientific consultant for television specials by National Geographic and the Discovery Channel. Scott lives in Nebraska.

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