
Stéphan Reebs, in *Fish Behavior in the Aquarium and in the Wild*, provides a delightful, brief, and accessible answer to any who may doubt the complexity and sophistication of the behavior of fishes. As he states in the first paragraph of the preface, “there is no reason to expect that fish behavior should be any less diverse, sophisticated, and interesting than that of birds, for example, a class of animal whose behavior has been more thoroughly examined” (p. vii). Of course, Reebs is likely to be preaching to the choir, as the most probable readership will be a mix of avid aquarists and academic ethologists. No matter, it is hard to imagine a more enthusiastic and devoted choir.

The stated purpose of the book is to “popularize those facts about fish behavior that are hidden in the scientific literature or are not immediately apparent in the descriptive popular literature” (p. ix). To that end, the author does an excellent job of translating into lay terms not only the results but also the objectives, meth-