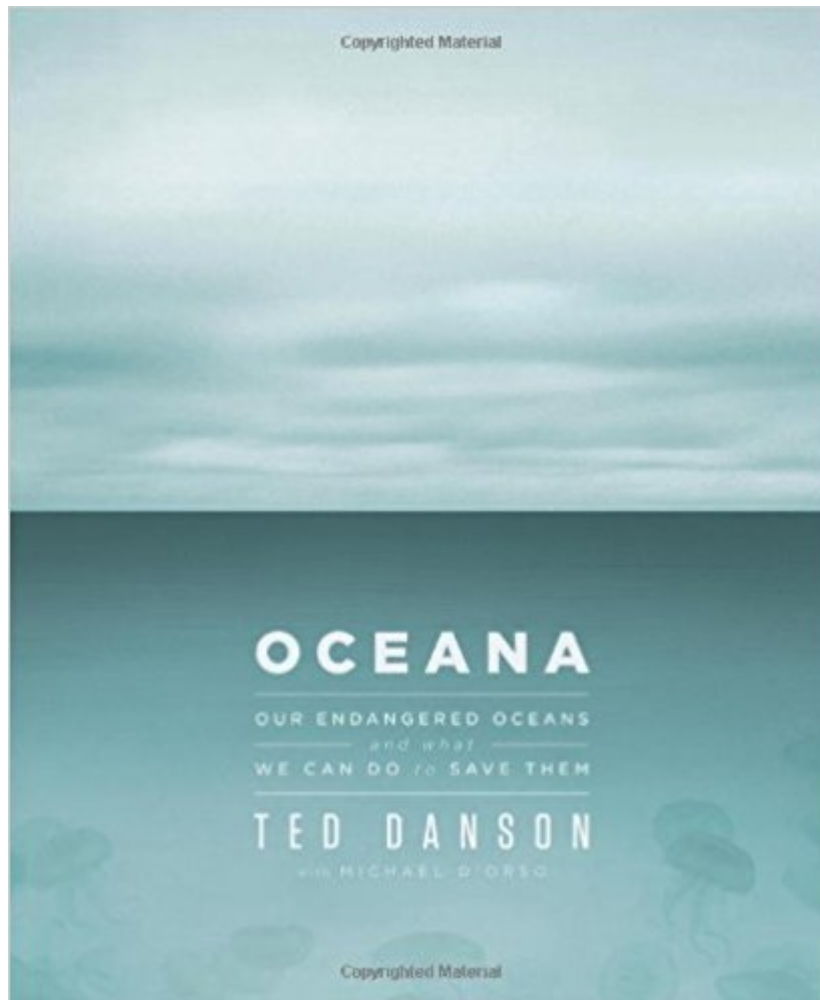




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# **Oceana: Our Endangered Oceans And What We Can Do To Save Them**



## Synopsis

Most people know Ted Danson as the affable bartender Sam Malone in the long-running television series *Cheers*. But fewer realize that over the course of the past two and a half decades, Danson has tirelessly devoted himself to the cause of heading off a looming global catastrophe – the massive destruction of our planet's oceanic biosystems and the complete collapse of the world's major commercial fisheries. In *Oceana*, Danson details his journey from joining a modest local protest in the mid-1980s to oppose offshore oil drilling near his Southern California neighborhood to his current status as one of the world's most influential oceanic environmental activists, testifying before congressional committees in Washington, D.C., addressing the World Trade Organization in Zurich, Switzerland, and helping found *Oceana*, the largest organization in the world focused solely on ocean conservation. In his incisive, conversational voice, Danson describes what has happened to our oceans in just the past half-century, ranging from the ravages of overfishing and habitat destruction to the devastating effects of ocean acidification and the wasteful horrors of fish farms. Danson also shares the stage of *Oceana* with some of the world's most respected authorities in the fields of marine science, commercial fishing, and environmental law, as well as with other influential activists. Combining vivid, personal prose with an array of stunning graphics, charts, and photographs, *Oceana* powerfully illustrates the impending crises and offers solutions that may allow us to avert them, showing you the specific courses of action you can take to become active, responsible stewards of our planet's most precious resource – its oceans.

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"Matching outrage with humor and hope, Danson provides inspiration and realistic guidelines for ending oceanic pillaging and poisoning in this engaging, alluringly illustrated volume." ---Booklist

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TED DANSON's versatility in both television and film makes him one of the most accomplished and credible actors today. From his first feature film roles in Joseph Wambaugh's *The Onion Field* (1979) and Lawrence Kasdan's *Body Heat* (1981) to his starring role in the television series *Cheers*, Ted Danson has captivated audiences worldwide with his equally sensational dramatic and comedic performances. Danson currently stars in HBO's *Bored to Death*. He recently appeared on the critically acclaimed legal drama *Damages* on FX, as well as HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. In addition to winning two Emmys and three Golden Globe Awards throughout his career, Danson has been nominated for twelve Emmys, eight Golden Globes, and one SAG Award. MICHAEL D'ORSO's work includes fifteen books; seven have been bestsellers and three have been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

If you are looking for an up-to-date review of the status of the world's oceans, you should read "Oceana" by Ted Danson and Michael D'Orso. The oceans produce huge amounts of nutritious foods depended upon by millions of people, as well as large numbers of marine organisms. Although not covered in this book, the oceans, along with the forests, literally are the life's breath of the earth. Without phytoplankton we would most certainly have significantly less oxygen to breath. In "Oceana" the authors concentrate on the food web, climate change and pollution, which are certainly complicated enough to take up a library, let alone a relatively short book, so I have no problem in recommending it as a excellent overview of these problems. While oceans cover the larger part of the earth we tend to ignore them or use them as dumping grounds. If we are ever to develop a sustainable world society we need to pay attention to what is happening in the worlds oceans, as well as on land. Reading this book will help the reader at least understand what's at risk when we overfish and trash the sea! A true "tragedy of the commons."

This is a good introduction to ocean resources and ecosystems. Ted Danson's preface tells of a personal connection with the sea. Over a few decades, coastal residents and scientists have seen a change in the oceans. The decline is happening. It was inevitable once factory trawlers and overfishing became the norm. Can it be turned around, for the benefit of ocean life, fisheries, marine

mammals, as well as the fishermen? Oceana the conservation group believes it can. Be part of the Blue Revolution and think about seafood choices. There is still a lot of "low hanging fruit" from the conservation perspective: for example, stopping agribusiness from turning massive amounts of small fish like menhaden and anchovies into animal feed, and leave these for their own existence in the ocean and as part of far more efficient marine food chains. 4 stars instead of 5, however, because the immediate and highly achievable goal of controls on overfishing wasn't the first chapter, but rather energy conservation.

This has been THE most important book I have read/ listened to for the past few years (I have the audio and book version). An eye opener to the ocean's condition and what will happen if nothing is done to stop its destruction. The damage accumulating from pollution, oil drilling, over fishing, illegal fishing, ocean acidification, aquaculture, global warming and so on, its overwhelming and depressing. As I listened to this book I have been taking notes, posting on social media and sharing with family and friends. Despite its depressing facts, the message Ted Danson brings is that there are many practical, every day solutions that we can take part of. Be informed, take action, know the facts. This book is so important, I have bought few copies (2nd hand) and I am planning on giving them as gifts. I wish I have read this book long ago

A well laid out and clear book to help the public see beneath the surface of a major environmental issue - our endangered oceans. Learn how sea-trade policy, consumerism, global warming and conservation efforts can affect the aquatic world, and gain strength in knowing we can help save our water and our future.

A well-written and beautifully designed book that emphasizes the precarious state of not just life in the oceans, but life on planet Earth! Humankind, having ignored the protections necessary to maintain this vast resource in a healthy condition, can no longer use the oceans as a dumping ground for trash and pollutants. The fragile nature of life in the seas has become obvious as corporations and governments have chosen to reap the last remaining forms of life as harvest, without concerns for the value of the biodiversity that sustains life in the waters of the planet. Highly recommended for all to read to give factual information and suggestions on what is needed to return balance to the oceans.

I loved the book. Ted Danson illustrates effectively and understandably all the aspects which are

effecting our oceans. The book is full of additional resources to turn to for information, including websites, books, research papers, videos, and other conservation organizations. The illustrations are well done and straightforward. If you want one book that covers all aspects of ocean conservation, this is it. It will also give you a completely new view of Ted Danson and where his heart is, the oceans, and about one of the largest ocean conservation organizations, Oceana.

I, like everyone else, hear bits and pieces of issues of the ocean. I had no idea of all of the catalysts that were involved with the ocean's demise (realistically the planet's demise). It is well researched and written in plain language- there are many different views of each subject layed out for the reader to consider. The book brings the reader to the conclusion that every individual is connected to the problems AND the solutions. I had no idea that I individually had played any part in ocean issues since I live hundreds of miles from the sea. I know now. Anyone who wants a realistic view of not only the ocean, but the planet- can get the full picture by reading this book. The solution begins with the individual, trying to do everyday things just a bit differently. It should be part of every high school curriculum. It is a must-read for every individual.

The authors (D'Orso & Danson) clearly made the case for why we must protect the Oceans & all the creatures living within them. They make clear how each of us can help in this endeavor. Both the science & the clear narrative of the text make the reader a part of this crucial human project. The Oceans are the life's blood of the planet & mankind must now protect & nurish this precious asset.

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