



Gulf Stream Chronicles: A Naturalist Explores Life in an Ocean River

David S. Lee

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In *Gulf Stream Chronicles*, the late David S. Lee describes the great variety of animal life living in and near the gulf-stream waters off the coast of North Carolina. His essays examine species like the leatherback turtle, pilot whale, shad, and sunfish, mixing Lee's personal experiences observing them in the wild with information about their habits, their migration patterns, and how human populations in the area have historically impacted them. For example, the section on sperm whales addresses the history of whaling in the waters near Hatteras Island, the drastically different lives of male and female whales, and the animal's role in the regional food chain. A museum curator and educator, Lee wrote with a style that blends academic thoroughness with firsthand anecdotes compiled over hundreds of visits to the Gulf Stream. The result is an informative work about an intricate ecosystem, written with an obvious love for the region and a naturalist's eye for what makes it unique.

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