



# Rekindling the Waters

## The Truth about Swimming with Dolphins

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Dolphins are one of the world's most beloved and beleaguered creatures. Since antiquity, they have possessed an undeniable, mysterious and compelling allure for humankind, which in recent years has intensified, inspiring everything from New Age fervour, to multi-million dollar theme parks.

In our profit-driven age, suppliers are never far behind demand and, having discovered people will eagerly pay exorbitant sums for the opportunity to get close, lucrative captive 'dolphin-swim' attractions have sprung up in many tropical vacation destinations.

*Rekindling the Waters* is an intimate expose of this popular phenomenon, illuminating the little known dark side of this increasingly controversial activity. What really lies behind a dolphin's smile? The shocking truth is that a whimsical or well-earned holiday excursion to swim with captive dolphins can support horrendous suffering.

This book examines the latest scientific research regarding dolphin behaviour, intelligence, and self-awareness and raises dynamic ethical questions, eliciting a call for change in the way we regard and treat our fellow beings.

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