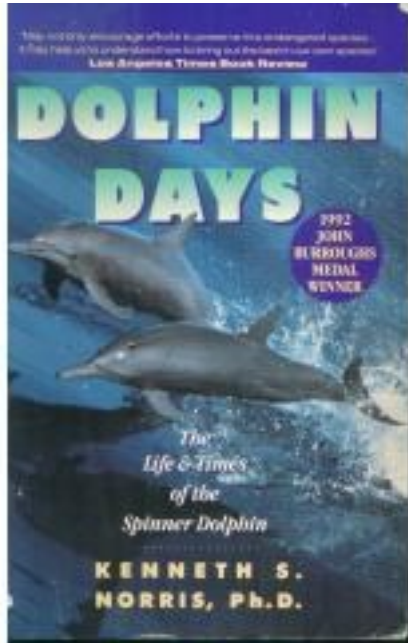


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IN this book I tell two very different stories about a remarkable mammal, the spinner dolphin: one story about its life and societies at sea, and the other about its fate at the hands of man. I have purposely set one story the way it has been for me.

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I ll assume that in picking up this book you share with me at least some interest in the lives and fates of these engaging animals. If so, you will find a good many insights into their lives here, because we were the first scientists to study their wild societies underwater where their lives are truly spent. Their grace and beauty strike any new underwater observer at once. It was only after much looking that we began to understand another key feature of their lives: they are so thoroughly creatures of their schools that they have surrendered some aspects of normal mammalian individuality to the group. A spinner dolphin alone is very much less than a whole animal.

In the first story I describe my original experiences with spinner dolphins, and then how I assembled scientific teams of colleagues and students to study what it means to be a spinner dolphin. These efforts have been wonderful adventures in

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