

# DAVID HELVARG

**Author, Activist, Adventurer and a  
Leading Voice for our Ocean World**



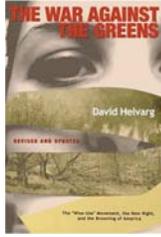
**David Helvarg** is Executive Director of Blue Frontier ([bluefront.org](http://bluefront.org)), an ocean conservation and policy group, an accomplished public speaker and the author of six books: *Blue Frontier*, *The War Against the Greens*, *50 Ways to Save the Ocean*, *Rescue Warriors*, *Saved by the Sea* and *The Golden Shore - California's Love Affair with the Sea*. He is editor of the *Ocean and Coastal Conservation Guide* and organizer of 'Blue Vision' Summits for ocean activists, Peter Benchley Ocean Awards (co-founded with Wendy Benchley) and Writers For the Sea, a professional association bringing together ocean authors from around the globe. He worked as a war correspondent in Northern Ireland and Central America, covered a range of issues from military science to the AIDS epidemic, and has reported from every continent including Antarctica. An award-winning journalist, he has produced more than 40 broadcast documentaries for PBS, The Discovery Channel, and many others. His print work has appeared in publications including *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Smithsonian*, *National Geographic*, *Popular Science*, *Sierra*, and *Salon*. He has done radio work for Marketplace, AP radio, and Pacifica. He has also led workshops for journalists in Poland, Turkey, Tunisia, Slovakia and Washington DC. Along with all of this, he is a licensed Private Investigator, body-surfer and scuba diver.

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# DAVID HELVARG - BOOKS

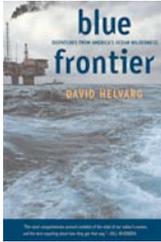


An established classic of environmental reporting *The War Against The Greens*, “demolished the fiction that anti-environmentalism is a grassroots movement by demonstrating its massive corporate underpinnings. This powerful investigative reporting should find wide readership.” ~ Publishers Weekly (starred review)

“A thought provoking and timely expose” ~ Kirkus Reviews

“A first-rate powerful piece of investigative reporting” ~ The Philadelphia Inquirer

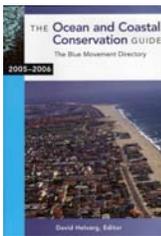
“Helvarg’s accumulation of evidence is awesome and his flair for colorful language makes his writing highly readable.” ~ San Francisco Chronicle



Helvarg’s second book, *Blue Frontier— Dispatches from America’s Ocean Wilderness* (2001, revised 2006), was named among the Los Angeles Times “Best Books of 2001.” In it Helvarg explores the effects of human activity in general, and of commerce and policy in particular, on marine life.

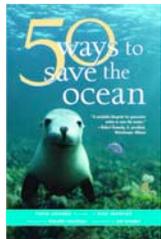
Secretary of State John Kerry wrote: “David Helvarg underscores the full measure of the challenges before us: If we hope to explore the Blue Frontier, we must travel cautiously, repairing the damage we have done, understanding before we exploit, and always preserving the natural systems.”

“Helvarg takes us on the ultimate wave...It’s a fast, watery ride, and you’re going to get wet before it’s over.” ~ Los Angeles Times



Helvarg is the editor of *Blue Frontier Campaign’s* first publication: *The Ocean and Coastal Conservation Guide* (2005), a directory for those interested in the protection and restoration of United States coastal lands and waters. This reference book lists close to 2,000 organizations involved in the conservation of the oceans and coastal areas that border the United States. Each entry includes contact information and a brief description of that organization’s activities.

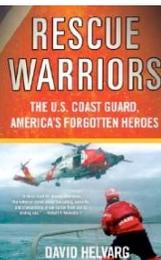
“This great directory is the first comprehensive guide to the organizations and agencies that are on the front line of the effort to protect this great resource,” wrote Leon Panetta, former Chair - Pew Oceans Commission, and former U.S. Secretary of Defense.



Dr. Sylvia Earle writes: “Combining wisdom and humor, scientific accuracy and artistic genius Helvarg and Toomey show why the ocean matters to us all...Everyone, from toddler to tycoon, can find inspiration for action in this must-have guide to ocean care.”

“This is a great book – it makes saving the oceans fun and doable (which it is, by the way)” adds actor Ted Danson

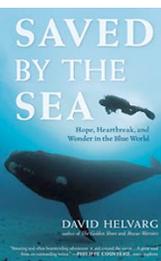
“This simple book answers the tough question, ‘How can I help save the oceans?’” ~ (the late) Peter Benchley, author of *Jaws* and marine conservationist.



Robert Kennedy Jr. says: “David Helvarg’s terrific new book takes you to the cutting edge of adventure as he rides along with the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard. This in-depth and lively look at the history and changing missions of America’s ‘Rescue Warriors’ should be considered a must-read.”

“They say that ‘I’m from the government and I’m here to help’ is the ultimate oxymoron. But as this vivid book makes powerfully clear, in the case of the Coast Guard, it’s the simple truth. Stow this volume next to the chart case.” - Bill McKibben

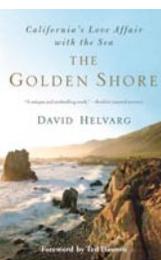
“A masterpiece of adventure reporting.” – former Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen



From bodysurfing in Central American war zones, diving barrier reefs with his tragically fated love, Nancy, or being bumped by a whale off Antarctica, David Helvarg has lived a life often as endangered as the ocean he now works to protect. *Saved by the Sea* is the story of this longtime journalist’s personal love, loss and redemption in the free-flowing heart of our blue marble planet.

“Helvarg offers us a glimpse not only of his own amazing and often heartrending adventures in and around the ocean but also gives insight into the human condition...A great read from an outstanding writer.” ~ Philippe Cousteau, Ocean Explorer, CNN

“This book has the power to change the way you think about the world, about yourself, and about the future of humankind.” ~ Dr. Sylvia Earle



*The Golden Shore* is a lively and engaging account of California’s deep connections to the Pacific Ocean and how it has helped to define the state. “David Helvarg captures, in a really readable way: the insane, quirky and head over heels love we have for our seas.” ~Ted Danson

"David Helvarg’s passion for the ocean is equaled only by his elegance in writing about it" ~ Susan Casey

"Should be required reading for anyone in California, whether native or newcomer" ~ San Diego Union – Tribune

"Helvarg just might make you feel optimistic about the future." ~ San Francisco Chronicle