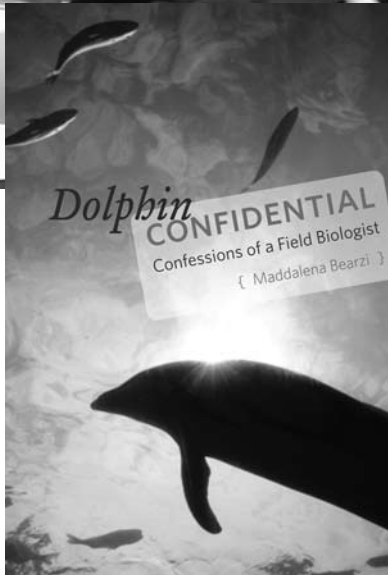




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“E l Palmar is a place where 'stuff' has no reason to exist. It's where a hammock under the stars is a million times better than a bed, when turtles, birds, and guanans are companions, where the silence is so deep it seems unreal, where all windows open every morning to the vastness of the sea. It's where living in nature takes its true meaning.” Maddalena Bearzi starts DOLPHIN CONFIDENTIAL with her early research in Yucatan studying hawksbill turtles. It is here Superhero catches her eye. “The more I look at the dolphins, and the more I write, the less exhausted I become.”

And with this initial observation, the rest of her life begins.

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Confessions of a Field Biologist

As a child in the cities of Italy, Maddalena found nature everywhere and even then, documented her observations.

As a cetologist aboard a boat in the Ionian Sea among the Greek Isles, “One animal surfaces, grazing our fingertips, and a shiver runs down my spine . . . There is something there that I have not seen in my work with other animals, a kind of knowing or consciousness.”

With an American sailor, she relocates to Los Angeles and pursues her Ph.D at the University of California at Los Angeles while conducting field studies in Santa Monica Bay. Here wildlife shares the coast with 18 million people.

Together, she and Charles, her husband and captain of their research boat, head Ocean Conservation Society. To better understand the dolphins, Dr. Bearzi observes the interwoven web of marine life in the bay — fish, seabirds, sea lions, kelp, phytoplankton, zooplankton. And, she notices how nature changes people.

She sees dolphins playing with plastic objects like toys. One after the next, the objects disappear . . .

Now she works to initiate change among people.