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Bearzi, Maddalena. **Dolphin confidential: confessions of a field biologist.** Chicago, 2012. 197p bibl index afp ISBN 9780226040158, \$26.00

These days, many young people elect to major in biology or marine science with the hope of doing research on animal behavior. Many of them, perhaps the majority, have romanticized about careers working with intelligent animals such as primates or cetaceans. Such a career is possible for individuals brave enough to gain experience as volunteers under difficult field conditions, persistent enough to attain a good academic record, and fortunate enough to find a professor willing to supervise their graduate work. This book reveals fascinating incidents in the career of a young woman born in Italy who conducted research on lizards, sea turtles, and dolphins. After immigrating to the US, Bearzi (founder, Los Angeles Dolphin Project; coauthor with C. Stanford, *Beautiful Minds*, CH, Jan'09, 46-2657) continued her education and research, concentrating on dolphins. Her enthusiastic and engaging account of her research career will be of interest to any young student interested in biology. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Lower- and upper-division undergraduates and general readers. -- *J. C. Briggs, emeritus, Oregon State University*