



## Bettas and Gouramis: Understanding Siamese Fighting Fish Paradisefish, Kissing Gouramis, and Other Anabantoids

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By David Alderton

I-5 Publishing. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Bettas and Gouramis: Understanding Siamese Fighting Fish Paradisefish, Kissing Gouramis, and Other Anabantoids, David Alderton, David Alderton's investigation of anabantoids, the Asiatic gouramis--the bettas and gouramis, including Siamese fighting fish, paradisefish, kissing gouramis, begins with a look at the origins of these adaptable and widely varying fishes in their Asiatic homelands, where they've been popular for hundreds of years. Given the considerable size range of this group of fishes, from the tiny licorice gourami (only 1.5 in or 4 cm in length) to the giant gourami (about 28 in or 70 cm), there are great differences to be considered by the fish keeper, all of which are addressed by Alderton in this color guide. The anabantoids is also a large group of fishes, with one hundred varieties/species available in most pet and hobby stores. The book provides photographs and images of dozens of the most popular examples. Chapter two is devoted to "The Different Groups," and the author explains how the classifications of anabantoids work and then proceeds to discuss the members of each family. In all, eighteen genres are described in detail, including their natural ranges, physical characteristics, abilities, behaviors, and...



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