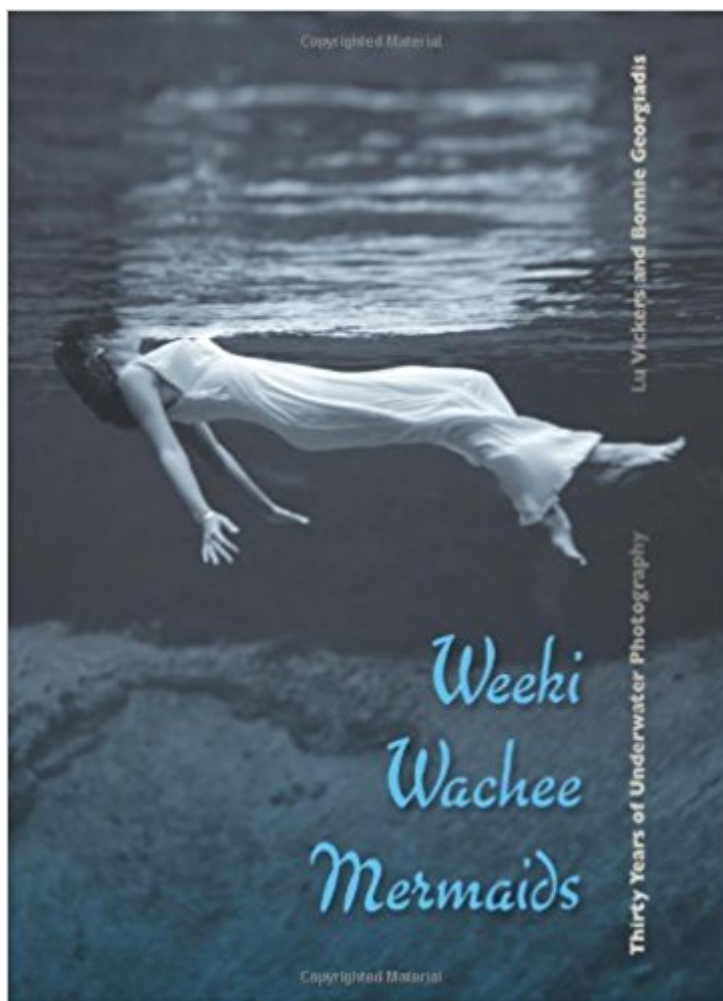


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# Weeki Wachee Mermaids: Thirty Years Of Underwater Photography



## Synopsis

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Lu Vickers is the author of *Breathing Underwater*; *Weeki Wachee, City of Mermaids*; and *Cypress Gardens, America's Tropical Wonderland*. Bonnie Georgiadis is a former Weeki Wachee mermaid who lives in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

This is a very good book. I just wished that it had been for sixty years instead of just thirty. Maybe a volume two is in the works for the next thirty years. It is great to see what the first three decades looked like at the Weeki Wachee Spring Park. I enjoyed the book very much and would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone who is interested in history.

From a historical view of what really became the icon for Weeki Wachee Spring, this book tells the real story. It's all about the thousands of young girls that became known as "Weeki Wachee Mermaids". Their story, their time.

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Great book with wonderful pictures. Brings back lots of memories. Terrific seller.

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