

ROBERTA GOODMAN'S career began in 1978 when she read Dr. John Lilly's book, *Communication Between Man and Dolphin*. In 1980 she found nine dolphin mentors and began a five-year relationship under their tutelage. As Research Director for the renowned Dr. Lilly, she initiated the release of the Human/Dolphin Foundation's dolphins, Joe and Rosie.



Throughout the time of working with dolphins in tanks, Roberta felt their natural home in the sea was preferable and her vision of returning to the sea became fulfilled with the initiation of Joe and Rosie's release. In 1986 Roberta came to the realization that in order to learn dolphinese and truly communicate with dolphins, it would have to be in their natural wild habitat on their terms at their discretion, rather than in an artificial human-made environment under captive conditions. She has interacted exclusively with wild dolphins ever since. With stories of both domesticated and wild dolphins, Roberta illustrates the reasoning behind considering Cetaceans as persons with culture, sentience and exceptional intelligence. Roberta co-founded Cetacean Nation with John Lilly in 1993, declaring the rights of whales and dolphins as a People. One day, she says, we will all understand the wisdom of the dolphins as we now understand the wisdom of indigenous peoples. Readers find connection and intimacy with dolphins through Roberta's stories, allowing dolphins to enter the reader's consciousness. Roberta escorts those who come to her into the emerging human dolphin culture evolving around the world. Receiving tips, techniques, and guidelines for entering the water with the pods, guests experience an endless stream of natural behaviors and games from breathtaking numbers of dolphins in close proximity. Some guests conquer a fear of deep water for the reward of watching dolphins play right under them as they float calmly on the surface. Other guests go on the swim of a lifetime, keeping a slow pace along the shore within a pod of frolicking dolphins. In every case, lives are altered. Roberta's vision is to create a center for rehabilitation of domesticated dolphins into their natural ocean environment. *Tanks to Sea* is her ongoing re-adaptation and documentation project.