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## Squid Empire

"Great White Sharks are gigantic - but what else used to swim in the oceans that might be bigger? Readers will discover fascinating creatures and compare their incredible sizes to modern day settings."--

## Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance

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The griffin, the sunbird, manticores, unicorns - all manner of glorious creatures never captured in zoos, museums or photographs are packed vividly into this collection of stories. Neil Gaiman has included some of his own childhood favourites alongside stories classic and modern to spark the imagination of readers young and old. All contributors have given their work free to benefit Dave Eggers' literacy charity, 826DC. Also includes a new Neil Gaiman Story.

### **Citizens of the Sea**

"Told with brains and heart" —Michelle Gable, New York Times bestselling author of *A Paris Apartment*  
"Bristles with charm and curiosity" —Winston Groom, New York Times bestselling author of *Forrest Gump* "A wholly original and superbly crafted work of art, *Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance* is a masterpiece of the imagination." —Lori Nelson Spielman, New York Times bestselling author of *The Life List* and *Sweet Forgiveness* "Charlotte's Web for grown-ups who, like Weylyn Grey, have their own stories of being different, feared, brave, and loved." —Mo Daviau, author of *Every Anxious Wave* Ruth Emmie Lang teaches us how to find magic in the ordinary in her magical realism debut *Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance*. Orphaned, raised by wolves, and the proud owner of a horned pig named Merlin, Weylyn Grey knew he wasn't like other people. But when he single-handedly stopped that tornado on a stormy Christmas day in Oklahoma, he realized just how different he actually was. As amazing as these

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powers may appear, they tend to manifest themselves at inopportune times and places, jeopardizing not only his own life, but the life of Mary, the woman he loves. *Beasts of Extraordinary Circumstance* tells the story of Weylyn Grey's life from the perspectives of the people who knew him, loved him, and even a few who thought he was just plain weird. Although he doesn't stay in any of their lives for long, he leaves each of them with a story to tell: great storms that evaporate into thin air; fireflies that make phosphorescent honey; a house filled with spider webs and the strange man who inhabits it. There is one story, however, that Weylyn wishes he could change: his own. But first he has to muster enough courage to knock on Mary's front door.

### **Creatures of the Deep Blue**

Praise for the first edition: "More than a picture book Hoyt's elegant writing provides both the historical background for deep-sea exploration and an ecological perspective on life in the ocean's depths." -- American Scientist "A magnificent bestiary and a reminder of how little we actually know about the seas surrounding us." -- Popular Science Winner, Outstanding Nonfiction Book of the Year -- American Society of Journalists and Authors, Inc., New York In this updated and expanded edition of *Creatures of the Deep*, award-winning nature and science writer Erich Hoyt gives readers a glimpse of the amazing variety of creatures found in the deepest parts of the ocean. Weaving together details from the latest scientific research about sharks, giant squid, dragonfish, huge

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tube worms, clams and tiny microbes of the deep-sea vents, Hoyt embarks on a magical journey roaming across the abyssal plains and descending into deep-sea trenches more than 20,000 feet down. Hoyt unravels the complex predator-prey relationships, from "killer" copepods to battles between giant squid and sperm whales, presenting compelling portraits of animals that are superbly adapted denizens of a dark high-pressure world. There are life forms, independent of sunlight and photosynthesis, which flourish around the hot, sulfurous deep-sea vents in the magnificent rift valley of the mid-ocean ridge, the world's longest mountain range. Surviving in conditions that appear to be close to the very soup of primordial Earth, these microbes have become the basis for the latest research into Earth's origins. Fully illustrated with fantastic underwater imagery.

### **25 Spooky Deep Sea Creatures**

Although mammals and birds are widely regarded as the smartest creatures on earth, it has lately become clear that a very distant branch of the tree of life has also sprouted higher intelligence: the cephalopods, consisting of the squid, the cuttlefish, and above all the octopus. In captivity, octopuses have been known to identify individual human keepers, raid neighboring tanks for food, turn off lightbulbs by spouting jets of water, plug drains, and make daring escapes. How is it that a creature with such gifts evolved through an evolutionary lineage so radically distant from our own? What does it mean that evolution built minds not once but at least twice? The octopus is the closest

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we will come to meeting an intelligent alien. What can we learn from the encounter? In *Other Minds*, Peter Godfrey-Smith, a distinguished philosopher of science and a skilled scuba diver, tells a bold new story of how subjective experience crept into being—how nature became aware of itself. As Godfrey-Smith stresses, it is a story that largely occurs in the ocean, where animals first appeared. Tracking the mind's fitful development, Godfrey-Smith shows how unruly clumps of seaborne cells began living together and became capable of sensing, acting, and signaling. As these primitive organisms became more entangled with others, they grew more complicated. The first nervous systems evolved, probably in ancient relatives of jellyfish; later on, the cephalopods, which began as inconspicuous mollusks, abandoned their shells and rose above the ocean floor, searching for prey and acquiring the greater intelligence needed to do so. Taking an independent route, mammals and birds later began their own evolutionary journeys. But what kind of intelligence do cephalopods possess? Drawing on the latest scientific research and his own scuba-diving adventures, Godfrey-Smith probes the many mysteries that surround the lineage. How did the octopus, a solitary creature with little social life, become so smart? What is it like to have eight tentacles that are so packed with neurons that they virtually "think for themselves"? What happens when some octopuses abandon their hermit-like ways and congregate, as they do in a unique location off the coast of Australia? By tracing the question of inner life back to its roots and comparing human beings with our most remarkable animal relatives, Godfrey-Smith casts crucial new light on the octopus mind—and on

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our own.

## **Other Minds**

From the authors of *A Gap in Nature*, a breathtaking visual adventure showcasing ninety of the world's most astounding creatures. Sumptuous birds of paradise, amazing soft-shell turtles, frogs that look like tomatoes, and terrifying fish (including the deep-water angler fish from *Finding Nemo*) are just some of the extraordinary creatures that can be found in Tim Flannery and Peter Schouten's new book, *Astonishing Animals*. Superbly illustrated in lifelike full-color paintings, *Astonishing Animals* details ninety of the world's most amazing animals from around the world. In this book you will find the Hairy Seadevil, the spectacular Sulawesi Naked Bat, and in the depths of the limestone caves in Slovenia, the Olm, a pink, four-legged, sightless salamander that lives for a hundred years. In fascinating vignettes, Flannery offers the true evolutionary tale of how each of these bizarre creatures came to look the way they do. Alongside each historical account is a stunning hand-painted color reproduction (life-size in the original painting) by Schouten. Filled with purple-faced apes, jagged-toothed dolphins, and antlered lizards, *Astonishing Animals* is a remarkable collection of the world's most incredible creatures and the stories behind their remarkable survival into a modern age.

## **Life in the Dark**

"In *Everything Sharks*, exciting photos depict great

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whites, hammerheads, and more. Scientists tell hair-raising tales about encounters. With its awesome facts and action-packed images, this book brings kids close to the mysterious lives of sharks."--Amazon.com.

### **Down, Down, Down**

While the colourful and varied forms of invertebrates and reef fish may enchant us, it is the large animals that really grab and hold our interest. The author is a underwater photographer who specialises in picturing big marine animals, particularly ones that are hard to photograph

### **Creatures of the Deep**

Praise for *Creatures of the Deep: In Search of the Sea's Monsters and the World They Live In*: "Erich Hoyt captures the excitement and beauty of recent advances [in ocean science]. With lavish photos and engaging, accurate prose, he takes readers on a journey of wonder through the ocean's layers and around the planet, shedding light on extraordinary lives." -- BBC Wildlife Marine researchers are discovering new ocean creatures every day, especially at its deepest depths. From the author of *Creatures of the Deep*, *Encyclopedia of Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises* and other books about the ocean and the animals that live there, comes a new title about some of the most unusual marine life forms. The book organizes the creatures into three parts based on where they live in the ocean. Each

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part has representatives from the various marine animal classes (e.g., fish, crustaceans, jellyfish and siphonophores, squids, tunicates and other invertebrates). Informative captions accompany the 90 gorgeous photographs of otherworldly creatures.

**Part 1: Surface Waters of the Ocean at Night: The Blackwater Vertical Migrators** In images taken by dedicated blackwater photographers Linda Ianniello and Susan Mears, these mostly larval creatures haunt the near-surface waters making vertical migrations every night to feed.

**Part 2: Middle to Deep Dark Waters: Masters of the Language of Light** In this perpetual night, survival is a matter of being able to understand and process light signals, some in different colors, some flashing, some faint -- the most sophisticated use of bioluminescence on Earth. The sea creatures here are small with big eyes and even larger mouths with extraordinarily sharp teeth. Photographer David Shale traveled with BBC Blue Planet and other expeditions to photograph these deep sea creatures, while photographers Solvin Zankl, Alexander Semenov and others brought their own dedication to expeditions in the Pacific, Indian, Atlantic and Arctic oceans.

**Part 3. The Continental Shelf to the Abyssal Plain: The Bottom Dwellers** This bottom of the sea has fewer fish, and is populated by such alien-like creatures as no-eyed or tripod fish, sea cucumbers, as well as basket stars, crabs, and worms with species varying by depth and location. The introduction to each part of the book describes what makes the ocean waters at that depth unique, and why it is home to specific types of sea life. The photographs were taken in the ocean by expert divers and submariners, most of whom are both scientists

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and underwater photographers. The images display the creatures vividly against a background as black as the ocean depths.

### **Tiger Sharks**

Meet the monstrous Giant Squid as it lurks in the ocean's depths! This book introduces the unique features of this wild animal including habitat, life cycle, physical characteristics, diet, threats, and defenses. Also included are a range map and food chain and body diagrams. Aligned to Common Core standards and correlated to state standards. Checkerboard Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

### **The Book of Barely Imagined Beings**

Orejas de ellos, the things who listen, whispered the superstitious fishermen when the strange occurrences began off the Philippine coast. How else could you explain the sudden disappearance of a vessel beneath a mysterious curtain of foam? The writhings of thousands of maddened fish trapped in a coffin-like area of ocean? An alien intelligence gorged at the bottom of the Luzon Deep and made its plans. Radar expert Terry Holt and the crew of the Experance had to devise a weapon against the horrifying creatures which threatened mankind with extinction.

### **For Small Creatures Such as We**

BLACK & WHITE VOLUME Meet some of the scariest

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monsters of the deep! Discover Some of the Strangest Animals that Live in the Ocean. This is the 9th book in a series of titles about the strangest creatures in the animal kingdom on land and in the oceans. The world is filled with an endless variety of creatures. Some are amazing, some are highly unusual, some are terrifying, while some are all of these combined. Unfortunately, not everyone will ever get the chance to see these marvelous creatures in person. But don't worry; the aim of this book is to bring the hidden world of strange creatures to your fingertips! This Book Has Amazing Facts & Photos of 25 Incredibly Strange and Spooky Animals. The surface of the planet earth is 70% covered in oceans. Aside from regulating the global temperature and weather, all living organisms in the world originated from the oceans. The problem is 95% of the ocean remains unexplored by human. This is because humans are yet to invent the technology needed to explore most of the ocean. The good news is that the 5% of the ocean we've explored so far is home for the strangest and most peculiar creatures. These are the creatures you are about to discover in this book. This book is fully illustrated and has simple blocks of text that will make learning fun for your child. Most of the creatures in this book live in depths only a few people can go to. Learn how these creatures behave, look like, and what they eat. The following creatures featured are: Deep Sea Dragonfish Deep Sea Anglerfish Fangtooth Gulper Eel Oarfish Giant Squid Viperfish Vampire Squid Deep Sea Hatchetfish Coffinfish Blue-Ringed Octopus Giant Spider Crab Barreleye Fish Grenadier Dumbo Octopus Black Swallower Fanfin Sea Devil Frogfish Lionfish Yeti Crab

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Stonefish Giant Isopod Frilled Shark Long-Nosed Chimaera Flabby Whalefish Your kids can have fun while learning! Guaranteed to increase your children's knowledge of the animal kingdom and the world itself. This book is fully illustrated and has simple blocks of text that will make learning fun for your child. Your kids can have fun while learning! Prepare to learn the most astonishing facts about how these animals stand out from the rest due to their strange ways. This book is part of a series called, "Weird & Wonderful Animals" all of which are great for bedtime reading. Collect the series!

### **The Unnatural History of the Sea**

This book takes readers on a journey under the sea to discover the fascinating facts about tiger sharks, including physical features, habitat, life cycle, food, and more. Photos, captions, and keywords supplement the narrative of this informational text, while additional search tools--including a glossary and an index--help students locate and review important information.

### **Atlas of Ocean Adventures**

The technological advances of the last twenty years have brought huge advances in our understanding of the deep sea and of the species inhabiting this elusive and fascinating environment. Synthesising the very latest research and discoveries, this is a comprehensive and much-needed account of deep-sea fishes. Priede examines all aspects of this

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incredibly diverse group of animals, reviewing almost 3,500 species and covering deep-sea fish evolution, physiology and ecology as well as charting the history of their discovery from the eighteenth century to the present day. Providing a global account of both pelagic and demersal species, the book ultimately considers the effect of the growing deep-sea fishing industry on sustainability. Copiously illustrated with explanations of the deep-sea environment, drawings of fishes and information on how they adapt to the deep, this is an essential resource for biologists, conservationists, fishery managers and anyone interested in marine evolution and natural history.

### **Giant Squid: Mysterious Monster of the Deep**

Strange sagas of mysterious monsters and bizarre beasts have appeared all over the world for years. In this captivating volume, readers will come face to face with tales of the terrifying and just plain weird. A chronological approach addresses interest stemming from world events such as World War II, and the changing, developing research. Interviews, testimonies, photographs, and reports encourage readers to further scrutinize whether or not such strange stories are the stuff of myth or if there could be more reasonable, even scientific, explanations for the so-called unexplained.

### **How to Be a Good Creature**

Delving deep into mythology of dragons from across

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the globe, this narrative text will inform readers about different cultures and present possible scientific explanations. A glossary strengthens vocabulary, while full-color images and a bright design will keep even the most reluctant readers interested. Then, readers can decide for themselves based on the evidence presented.

### **How Deep in the Ocean?**

The magnificent prints of Ernst Haeckel, who captured the amazing forms of the natural world, spring to life in this exciting pop-up book that reveals the vibrant intricacy of his work. The book *Art Forms in Nature* is a collection of prints, made by the scientist Ernst Haeckel, of an enormous variety of flora and fauna from the sea—including microscopic Radiolaria, starfish, and jelly fish. Since Prestel published it in 1998, the book has been a favorite with artists, designers, illustrators, and anyone who enjoys the wondrous forms of the natural world. Now paper engineer Maike Biederstaedt has transformed Haeckel's transcendent work into a three-dimensional book that allows readers to appreciate Haeckel's vivid colors, exceptional precision, and fascination with patterns and geometry. This stunning book features seven pop-ups that allow readers to see nature's brilliance the way that Haeckel did—as marvelous, mathematically based creations that support his theory of the unity of all living things. Certain to appeal to his huge variety of fans, this pop-up version of a timeless classic will be treasured for years to come.

## **National Geographic Kids**

"The incredible variety of marine life--in numbers, body form, behavior, and more--is at the heart of Citizens of the Sea, an irresistible plunge into the surprising world beneath the waves."-from inside cover.

## **Deep-Sea Fishes**

Provides a top-to-bottom look at the ocean, from birds and waves to thermal vents and ooze.

## **Creatures of the Abyss**

A fascinating journey through 1,000 years of human exploitation and exploration of the sea.

## **Creatures of the Deep**

When viewed from a quiet beach, the ocean, with its rolling waves and vast expanse, can seem calm, even serene. But hidden beneath the sea's waves are a staggering abundance and variety of active creatures, engaged in the never-ending struggles of life—to reproduce, to eat, and to avoid being eaten. With Hagfish Slime and Lobster Rolls, marine scientist Ellen Prager takes us deep into the sea to introduce an astonishing cast of fascinating and bizarre creatures that make the salty depths their home, with the help of stunning color photos. From the lobsters that battle rivals or seduce mates with their urine to hagfish that ties itself into a knot to keep from suffocating in its

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own slime—there's far more to Prager's account than her ever-entertaining anecdotes. Again and again, she illustrates the crucial connections between life in the ocean and humankind, enchanting us as she educates, enthraling us with the wealth of life in the sea, and reminding us of our need to protect it.

### **Sex, Drugs, and Sea Slime**

Part memoir, part guidebook, and part social history, *For Small Creatures Such as We* is the first book from the daughter of Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan--a luminous exploration of Earth's marvels that require no faith in order to be believed. "What is the meaning of life? Sagan finds its meaning everywhere--with her family, around the world, and especially among the stars of the cosmos. Read her work; you'll have a deeper appreciation for your every step, every bite, and every breath." --Bill Nye

Sagan was raised by secular parents, the astronomer Carl Sagan and the writer and producer Ann Druyan. They taught her that the natural world and vast cosmos are full of profound beauty, that science reveals truths more wondrous than any myth or fable. When Sagan herself became a mother, she began her own hunt for the natural phenomena behind our most treasured occasions--from births to deaths, holidays to weddings, anniversaries, and more--growing these roots into a new set of rituals for her young daughter that honor the joy and significance of each experience without relying on religious framework. As Sagan shares these rituals, *For Small Creatures Such as We* becomes a moving tribute to a father, a newborn

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daughter, a marriage, and the natural world--a celebration of life itself, and the power of our families and beliefs to bring us together.

### **Ocean Emporium**

Before there were mammals on land, there were dinosaurs. And before there were fish in the sea, there were cephalopods--the ancestors of modern squid and Earth's first truly substantial animals. Cephalopods became the first creatures to rise from the seafloor, essentially inventing the act of swimming. With dozens of tentacles and formidable shells, they presided over an undersea empire for millions of years. But when fish evolved jaws, the ocean's former top predator became its most delicious snack. Cephalopods had to step up their game. Many species streamlined their shells and added defensive spines, but these enhancements only provided a brief advantage. Some cephalopods then abandoned the shell entirely, which opened the gates to a flood of evolutionary innovations: masterful camouflage, fin-supplemented jet propulsion, perhaps even dolphin-like intelligence. *Squid Empire* is an epic adventure spanning hundreds of millions of years, from the marine life of the primordial ocean to the calamari on tonight's menu. Anyone who enjoys the undersea world--along with all those obsessed with things prehistoric--will be interested in the sometimes enormous, often bizarre creatures that ruled the seas long before the first dinosaurs.

### **Strange Sea Creatures**

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## **Otis and Will Discover the Deep**

From medieval bestiaries to Borges's Book of Imaginary Beings, we've long been enchanted by extraordinary animals, be they terrifying three-headed dogs or asps impervious to a snake charmer's song. But bestiaries are more than just zany zoology—they are artful attempts to convey broader beliefs about human beings and the natural order. Today, we no longer fear sea monsters or banshees. But from the infamous honey badger to the giant squid, animals continue to captivate us with the things they can do and the things they cannot, what we know about them and what we don't. With *The Book of Barely Imagined Beings*, Caspar Henderson offers readers a fascinating, beautifully produced modern-day menagerie. But whereas medieval bestiaries were often based on folklore and myth, the creatures that abound in Henderson's book—from the axolotl to the zebrafish—are, with one exception, very much with us, albeit sometimes in depleted numbers. *The Book of Barely Imagined Beings* transports readers to a world of real creatures that seem as if they should be made up—that are somehow more astonishing than anything we might have imagined. The yeti crab, for example, uses its furry claws to farm the bacteria on which it feeds. The waterbear, meanwhile, is among nature's "extreme survivors," able to withstand a week unprotected in outer space. These and other strange and surprising species invite readers to reflect on what we value—or fail to value—and what we might change. A powerful combination of wit, cutting-edge natural history, and

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philosophical meditation, *The Book of Barely Imagined Beings* is an infectious and inspiring celebration of the sheer ingenuity and variety of life in a time of crisis and change.

### **True Stories of Real-Life Monsters**

An illustrated look at the weird and wonderful creatures that live in the very deepest parts of the sea. Humans have always wondered, with a mixture of fear and fascination, what lurks beneath the surface in the depths of the ocean. In this book, Erich Hoyt introduces 50 of the oddest creatures you will ever meet in the sea. From the carnivorous comb jelly to the lantern-carrying deep-sea dragonfish, from a vampire squid with giant eyes to dancing jellyfish, Hoyt explores these peculiar conditions and their equally peculiar environment. These creatures have adapted to lack of light and, using sound pulses (echolocation) or light-producing organs and pigment cells (emitting light via bioluminescence), they are able to communicate without giving their location away to predators. These stunning, captivating photographs weren't taken from the portholes of submarines. Photographers David Shale, Solvin Zanki and Jeff Rotman worked with oceanography institutes, museums and the BBC Natural History Unit, taking long cruises across the ocean to record and try to understand these little-studied residents of the deep sea. To capture the creatures for observation, a net was lowered far beneath the surface. As soon as the trawl was hauled aboard, the photographers would race to transfer the most unusual animals to fresh

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seawater aquariums in a chilled laboratory on board. These pages let readers gaze into strange, wild eyes and study faces with toothless or crooked smiles that witness the fruits of deep-sea evolution. Informative captions explain what the patterns of lights on their bodies are "saying" to others in their absolutely dark world. The wonder and extraordinary weirdness of what lives in the deep seas, so far away from us and yet so close, will become more familiar with this book.

### **The Deep**

Explore the regions of the world's oceans known for their coral reefs and learn about the life forms that dwell there. First-person accounts from scientists answer important questions about reef communities.

### **Unnatural Creatures**

Did you know that the deep-sea anglerfish has a glowing fishing rod attached to its body, or that the barreleye fish has a see-through head? See these wacky creatures and more in this brilliantly illustrated book that explores the strangest creatures under the sea. This level two reader uses easy-to-grasp language that will keep children intrigued and learning on every page. This high-interest, educationally vetted series of beginning readers features the magnificent images of National Geographic, accompanied by texts written by experienced, skilled children's book authors. The inside back cover of the paperback edition is an interactive feature based upon the book. Level 1

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books reinforce the content of the book with a kinesthetic learning activity. In Level 2 books readers complete a Cloze letter, or fun fill-in, with vocabulary words. Releases simultaneously in Reinforced Library Binding: 978-1-4263-1048-5 , \$13.90/\$15.95 Can

### **The Goblin Shark**

A treasure trove of extraordinary ocean animals. Beneath the ocean waves lies a web of life that ties together creatures great and small. Fan favorites like hermit crabs and great white sharks share space with mysterious bottom-dwellers like mimic octopuses and giant sea spiders in this gorgeous exploration of the sea. Dive in and encounter some of the earth's most remarkable animals in this gloriously illustrated compendium. A perfect gift for all nature lovers.

### **Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods**

Meet the world's most fascinating sea creatures—see the lives and curiosities of colorful fish and coral reefs—this spectacular volume has more than 300 color photos and extraordinary text from a leading marine biologist and underwater photographer, and the international expert on seahorses. In this richly informative volume, brimming with new discoveries and more than three hundred colorful images of jaw-dropping fish and coral reefs, you'll swim in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans; you'll be dazzled in the Coral Triangle and amazed in Triton Bay. Up close you'll meet the Cenderawasih fairy wrasse, with its florescent yellow streak; the polka-dot longnose

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filefish; and the multicolored seadragon. There are scarlet-colored corals, baby-blue sponges, daffodil crinoids, and all sorts of mystifying creatures that change color at the drop of a hat. The whale shark is almost larger than life and the author's beloved pygmy seahorse, unless photographed, is almost too tiny to see. The wondrous creatures inside are charmers and tricksters and excel in the arts of seduction and deception, and you'll have the rare chance to see and delight in their antics. You'll also learn what they eat, how they play, and how they care for one another, live on one another, and mimic others when they're afraid. There is also compelling insight into the naming process, which sea creatures are facing extinction, and how we can help them before it's too late.

### **Weird Sea Creatures**

It's hard to argue with those who call the goblin shark the ugliest shark alive. A long, flat snout, needle-like teeth, and soft, pink flesh combine for a startling sight. The deep-sea dweller doesn't present itself often, leaving scientists to piece together facts a bit at a time. Young shark enthusiasts will love to join the exploration of this remarkable living fossil.

### **Hagfish Slime and Lobster Rolls**

A New York Times bestseller! National Book Award finalist Sy Montgomery reflects on the personalities and quirks of 13 animals—her friends—who have profoundly affected her in this stunning, poetic, and

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life-affirming memoir featuring illustrations by Rebecca Green. Understanding someone who belongs to another species can be transformative. No one knows this better than author, naturalist, and adventurer Sy Montgomery. To research her books, Sy has traveled the world and encountered some of the planet's rarest and most beautiful animals. From tarantulas to tigers, Sy's life continually intersects with and is informed by the creatures she meets. This restorative memoir reflects on the personalities and quirks of thirteen animals—Sy's friends—and the truths revealed by their grace. It also explores vast themes: the otherness and sameness of people and animals; the various ways we learn to love and become empathetic; how we find our passion; how we create our families; coping with loss and despair; gratitude; forgiveness; and most of all, how to be a good creature in the world.

### **National Geographic Readers: Weird Sea Creatures**

Meet the snoligoster, who feeds on the shadows of its victims. The whirling whimpus, who once laid low an entire Boy Scout troop. And the hoop snake, who can chase prey at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour and then, with one sting of its venomous tail, cause it to turn purple, swell up, and—alas—die. These and 17 other fearsome creatures are among the most fantastical beasts in American folklore. Their stories, as narrated by one of the last surviving cryptozoologists, are best enjoyed while sitting around a campfire. If you dare.

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## **The World Beneath**

From the creator of the hugely popular @StrangeAnimals on Twitter comes a collection of one hundred remarkable animal specimens from around the world. With fascinating descriptions of nasty feeding habits, bizarre mating rituals and shocking defence mechanisms, you will marvel at both the splendour and gruesomeness of nature.

## **Prehistoric Sea Beasts**

Provides readers with a large collection of pictures and information on the creatures that live in the deep ocean.

## **Astonishing Animals**

The suspenseful, little-known true story of two determined pioneers who made the first dive into the deep ocean. On June 6, 1930, engineer Otis Barton and explorer Will Beebe dove into the ocean inside a hollow metal ball of their own invention called the Bathysphere. They knew dozens of things might go wrong. A tiny leak could shoot pressurized water straight through the men like bullets! A single spark could cause their oxygen tanks to explode! No one had ever dived lower than a few hundred feet and come back. But Otis and Will were determined to become the first people to see what the deep ocean looks like. This suspenseful story from acclaimed author Barb Rosenstock with mesmerizing watercolors by award-winning artist Katherine Roy will put you

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right in the middle of the spine-tingling, record-setting journey down, down into the deep.

### **Are Dragons Real?**

A spectacular collection of weird yet real creatures from the darkest depths of the oceans. In this book, readers get a look into the watery deep and find 14 of nature's strangest creatures. Intricately drawn artworks and 200 stunning photographs highlight the extraordinary features of each animal's anatomy and survival tactics, such as bioluminescence to ward off predators and jet propulsion (in one case, jet vomit) to escape quickly. The monsters include deep-sea fish, squid, jellyfish, and microscopic life, such as: Black dragonfish, the inspiration for the parasitic Alien monsters Deep-sea hatchet fish, google-eyed and bioluminescent Deep-sea mussels that use bacterial "fuel cells" to harness energy from hydrothermal vents Deep-sea shrimp that spew bioluminescent vomit to escape predators Eyclight fish turn their "flashlight" eyes off and on while hunting Japanese firefly squid, bioluminescent, whose blue flashes attract small fish on which it feeds Lanternshark, totally bioluminescent in the deep sea Pelican eel, with a comically oversized mouth and a tail so long that it gets tied in knots. Monsters of the Deep is an exciting, informative collection that will interest readers of all ages.

### **A Book of Rather Strange Animals**

Deep inside caves, at the bottoms of oceans and

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lakes, beneath the ground: these concealed habitats are absent of sunlight. This strange and fascinating world of complete darkness is not a solitary place—it is inhabited by millions of life forms. Yet most humans—creatures of daylight—have never seen any of them. Until now. In this fascinating—sometimes eerie—book, extreme wildlife photographer and scientist Danté Fenolio brings the denizens of these shadowy haunts into focus. *Life in the Dark* shows us the many ways in which life forms have adapted to lightless environments, including refinements of senses, evolution of unique body parts, and illumination using "biological flashlights." With more than 200 mesmerizing color photographs, *Life in the Dark* unveils bizarre creatures like the firefly squid, the giant Amazonian catfish, the Chinese cavefish, and even the human bot fly, which lives in the darkness beneath its host's skin. Fenolio's rich and vibrant images shed new light on the world's fascinating creatures of darkness.

### **Monsters of the Deep**

We think of bees as being among the busiest workers in the garden, admiring them for their productivity. But amid their buzzing, they are also great communicators—and unusual dancers. As Karl von Frisch (1886–1982) discovered during World War II, bees communicate the location of food sources to each other through complex circle and waggle dances. For centuries, beekeepers had observed these curious movements in hives, and others had

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speculated about the possibility of a bee language used to manage the work of the hive. But it took von Frisch to determine that the bees' dances communicated precise information about the distance and direction of food sources. As Tania Munz shows in this exploration of von Frisch's life and research, this important discovery came amid the tense circumstances of the Third Reich. *The Dancing Bees* draws on previously unexplored archival sources in order to reveal von Frisch's full story, including how the Nazi government in 1940 determined that he was one-quarter Jewish, revoked his teaching privileges, and sought to prevent him from working altogether until circumstances intervened. In the 1940s, bee populations throughout Europe were facing the devastating effects of a plague (just as they are today), and because the bees were essential to the pollination of crops, von Frisch's research was deemed critical to maintaining the food supply of a nation at war. The bees, as von Frisch put it years later, saved his life. Munz not only explores von Frisch's complicated career in the Third Reich, she looks closely at the legacy of his work and the later debates about the significance of the bee language and the science of animal communication. This first in-depth biography of von Frisch paints a complex and nuanced portrait of a scientist at work under Nazi rule. *The Dancing Bees* will be welcomed by anyone seeking to better understand not only this chapter of the history of science but also the peculiar waggles of our garden visitors.

### **The Dancing Bees**

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Meet some of nature's most fantastic underwater creatures in this beautifully illustrated exploration of the sea. Get ready for a deep dive into THE WORLDS'S GREAT OCEANS, and discover the DIVERSITY OF LIFE that exists in the DEEP BLUE SEA. Whether you're traveling long-haul with LEATHERBACK TURTLES across the Pacific, snoozing with SEA OTTERS, or ice-bathing with a WALRUS, this book brings together EPIC OCEAN ADVENTURES from the high seas to the ocean floor. With over 30 scenes to explore, young nature adventurers will find hundreds of things to spot, with facts to learn on every page.

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