



Recommended Reading Oceans

The Atlantic salmon / By Bianca Lavies. New York: Dutton Children's Books: 1992. WWL call number 281268 Kids

In following the salmon from hatchling to adult, more than just the life cycle of this fish becomes clear. The relationship between the environment, salmon, and humans is fleshed out as well. For children in grades 3 - 6.

The big wave / By Pearl S. Buck. New York: HarperTrophy: 1986. WWL call number 030769 Kids

The famous story of a Japanese boy who must face life after escaping the tidal wave destruction of his family and village. For children in grades 2 - 5.

Come to the ocean's edge: a nature cycle book / By Laurence Pringle and Michael Chesworth. Honesdale, Pa.: Boyds Mills Press, 2003: 2003. WWL call number 110202 Kids

The occurrences at the ocean's edge over a 24 - hour period are explored in this book with simple prose and gorgeous watercolor illustrations. For children in grades K - 3.

Dark day in the deep sea / By Mary Pope Osborne. New York: Random House: 2008. WWL call number 281607 Kids

When eight - year - old Jack and his seven - year - old sister, Annie, join a group of nineteenth - century explorers aboard the H.M.S. Challenger, they learn about the ocean, solve the mystery of its fabled sea monster, and gain compassion for their fellow creatures. Illustrated by Sal Murdocca. Magic Tree House series No. 39. For children ages 8 and up.

Diving into oceans Philadelphia, Penn.: Chelsea House Publishers: 1998. WWL call number 110211 Kids

An activity - centered resource book on oceans for children, this book makes learning about oceans fun with experiments, games, crafts, songs, and more. For children in grades K - 3.

Down, down, down: a journey to the bottom of the sea / By Steve Jenkins. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: 2009. WWL call number 110259 Kids

From above the surface to the bottom of the deepest sea canyon, unusual creatures inhabit every level of our oceans, even those seemingly hostile to life. In this intriguing introduction, Jenkins explores the Pacific, gradually descending to its depths (shown by a scale along the right hand side of each double - page spread). His signature cut - paper illustrations show more than 50 creatures. For children in grades K - 3.

Escaping the giant wave / By Peg Kehreg. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers: 2003. WWL call number 030765 Kids

Kyle and his sister, BeeBee, must escape an Oregon hotel after an earthquake causes a fire and threatens the city with a tsunami. For children in grades 5 - 8.

Far from shore: chronicles of an open ocean voyage / By Sophie Webb. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: 2011. WWL call number 191164 Kids

In extremely deep waters (two miles deep), the vast sea appears empty. But as naturalist and artist Sophie Webb shows us, it is full of fascinating—yet difficult to study—life. Together with her shipmates, Sophie counts and collects samples of life in the deep ocean, from seabirds to dolphins, from winged fish to whales. Only their long - term field work can really help scientists determine the health of these remarkable creatures who need the clean deep ocean to survive.

Gaia girls: way of water / By Lee Welles. White River Junction, Vt.: Chelsea Green Pub. Co.: 2007. WWL call number 110264 Kids

After her parents' deaths, 10 - year - old Miho moves to Japan to live with her bachelor uncle. While struggling to adjust to her new home, she meets Gaia, the living embodiment of the Earth in the form of an otter, who grants her the power to communicate with the world's oceans. Miho learns that the sea is in danger and she must help save it.

Hello, ocean! / By Pam Muñoz Ryan. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge: 2001. WWL call number 110272 Kids

Using rhyming text, a child describes the wonder of the ocean experienced through each of her five senses.

In the swim: poems and paintings / By Douglas Florian. San Diego: Harcourt, Inc.: 1997. WWL call number 281298 Kids

Water - dwellers from salmon to manatees are featured in another wonderful Douglas Florian creation full of poetry and delightful illustrations. For children in grades Preschool - 3.

Is this a house for hermit crab? / By Megan McDonald. New York: Orchard Books: 1990. WWL call number 281322 Kids

Children will enjoy being involved in a hermit crab's search for a new home. A great read - aloud story with sandy textured photographs to compliment the story. For children in grades K - 1.

An island scrapbook: dawn to dusk on a barrier island / By Virginia Wright - Frierson. New York: Simon & Schuster Books: 1998. WWL call number 110216 Kids

An artist/naturalist and her daughter set out one September morning to sketch images and collect specimens for a scrapbook about life on a North Carolina barrier island. There are plenty of details to entertain even the most exacting young naturalists in this book. For children in grades 2 - 5.

The living ocean / By Robert A. Mattson. Hillside, N.J.: Enslow: 1991. WWL call number 110207 Kids

Mattson explores the ocean as a habitat for life, the kinds of organisms found in the ocean, and the relationship of people and the sea. For children in grades 5 - 9.

The magic school bus gets eaten: a book about food chains / By Patricia Relf. New York: Scholastic: 1996. WWL call number 281325 Kids

Join the fashion - challenged Ms. Frizzle and her students in an ocean adventure about food chains. The Magic School Bus becomes part of the food chain when eaten by a tuna – but, of course, everything turns out OK in the end. For children in grades Preschool - 3.

The Magic School Bus on the ocean floor / By Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen. New York: Scholastic: 1992. WWL call number 110203 Kids

Ms. Frizzle leads her students on an adventure to the floor of the ocean in her magic school bus - submarine. The funny but informative text gives readers a lighthearted but well - researched introduction to ocean ecology. Librarians will appreciate Ms. Frizzle's parting advice: "Ask at your library for more good books about oceans." For children in grades Preschool - 2.

The Magic School Bus takes a dive: a book about coral reefs / By Nancy White. New York: Scholastic: 1998. WWL call number 110204 Kids

Ms. Frizzle leads her class on a trip to a coral reef in search of a lost treasure, and students learn much about the importance of partnership both in the life of coral reef inhabitants and between the children themselves. For children in grades K - 3.

Ocean / By Miranda MacQuitty. New York, N.Y.: DK Publishing: 2008. WWL call number 110240 Kids
Here is a guide to the natural history, geology, and exploration of the world's vast oceans. Color photographs of incredible submersibles, realistic models of the sea floor, and the remarkable animals and plants that make up marine life offer a unique "eyewitness" view of the ocean's hidden wealth. Photographed by Frank Greenaway.

Ocean / By Maurice Pledger. San Diego, CA: Silver Dolphin Books: 2001. WWL call number 281611 Kids
Discover marine life in this book of pop - up seascapes accompanied by ocean sounds.

Ocean: an illustrated atlas / By Sylvia Earle and Linda Glover. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society: 2009. WWL call number 110256 Kids
Detailing a mysterious realm that's as vital to our existence as the air we breathe, this new atlas immerses readers in the wonders of the deep through more than 250 up - to - the - minute maps, photographs, and satellite images.

Oceans / By Susan H. Graves. Minneapolis, Minn.: Compass Point Books: 2001. WWL call number 110212 Kids
From the deepest point in the ocean to its shallow reefs, this book covers general topics such as ocean life, the continental shelf, pollution, and explorers. For children in grades K - 3.

Oceans and beaches / By Trevor Day. Chicago, Ill.: Rainetree: 2011. WWL call number 110265 Kids
Describes the oceans of the Earth, including their effect on world climate and the plants and animals that live in them.

Ocean detectives: solving the mysteries of the sea / By Mary Cerullo. Austin, Texas: Rainetree Steck - Vaughn: 2000. WWL call number 110210 Kids
Not only is this book a great introduction to the scientific method (asking a question and providing studies or experiments to get the answer), but it also explains problems that our oceans currently face—from salmon disappearance to bleaching of coral reefs—in terms that are accessible for a wide range of children. For children in grades 3 - 7.

Oceans, lakes, and rivers / By Melanie Ostopowich. New York, NY: Weigl Publishers: 2006. WWL call number 071214 Kids
'Oceans, lakes, and rivers,' a book for children aged 4 - 10, is part of the Science Matters series and guides young readers through the many forms of water, and how they impact life on Earth. This volume describes Earth's bodies of water, explains how the water cycle works, presents a brief biography of Jacques Cousteau, and includes a hands - on experiment.

Ocean sunlight: how tiny plants feed the seas / By Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm. New York: Blue Sky Press: 2012. WWL call number 110279 Kids

Explains how all life on the Earth depends, directly or indirectly, on light from the sun, and describes how all ocean life, from the tiniest plankton to great whales, including the creatures in the darkest depths, form a web that uses sunshine. For children ages 4 and up.

On different shores / By Jen McVeity. New York: Orchard Books: 1998. WWL call number 220305 Kids
While participating in the rescue of a beached whale, Australian teenager Tess finally confronts her fear of swimming and begins to resolve her difficult relationship with her father.

Prowling the seas: exploring the hidden world of ocean predators / By Pamela S. Turner. New York: Walker & Co.: 2009. WWL call number 281564 Kids

Acclaimed science writer Pamela S. Turner takes readers along with four predators—a leatherback sea turtle, a Bluefin tuna, a great white shark, and a Sooty Shearwater—on their remarkable journeys. This full - access look will change the way readers view our blue planet.

The sea: exploring life on an ocean planet / By Philip Plisson and Robert Burleigh. New York: H.N. Abrams: 2003. WWL call number 110206 Kids

Photographer Plisson's images cover storms, ports, pollution, diving, rescues, surfing, lighthouses, tides, and many kinds of boats, plants, and animals. The text supplements the pictures well and helps explain the world's oceans and the people who live on or near them. For children in grades 3 - 8.

Sea monsters / By Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce. New York: Random House: 2008. WWL call number 281608 Kids

Jack and Annie explore the oceans and their creatures. Illustrated by Sal Murdocca

Sea soup: phytoplankton / By Mary M. Cerullo. Gardiner, Me.: Tilbury House: 1999. WWL call number 080436 Kids

Sea Soup: Phytoplankton introduces children to the world of phytoplankton, plants so tiny that a million can fit in a teaspoon of sea water and so numerous that they produce half the world's oxygen. Each section of the book answers a question, such as "Are they plants or are they animals?" "How did tiny phytoplankton help build the largest structures on earth?" and "How do we know so much about things most of us have never seen?" For children in grades 5 - 8.

Sharks and other monsters of the deep / By Philip Steele. New York: DK Publishing: 1998. WWL call number 281272 Kids

Well - illustrated with brief text, this book introduces the characteristics of unusual, and often predatory, fish and other creatures that live in or near the ocean. For children in grades 3 - 6.

A swim through the sea / By Kristin Joy Pratt Serafini. Nevada City, Calif.: DAWN Publications: 1994. WWL call number 110232 Kids

Uses the letters of the alphabet to introduce angelfish, dolphins, manatees, octopus, and other fish and mammals living in the world's oceans, giving their physical characteristics and behavior. For preschool through grade 2.

Swimmy / By Leo Lionni. New York: Pantheon: 1963. WWL call number 271244 Kids

Swimmy, the lone black fish in a school of reds, uses ingenuity to overcome the others' fears about swimming in open water and exploring the wonders of the sea. A Caldecott Honor Book. For children in grades Preschool - 2.

Tracking trash: flotsam, jetsam, and the science of ocean motion / By Griffin Burns Loree. Houghton Mifflin Company: Boston.: 2007. WWL call number 110238 Kids

Aided by an army of beachcombers, oceanographer Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer tracks trash in the name of science. From sneakers to hockey gloves, Curt monitors the watery fate of human - made cargo that has spilled into the ocean. The information he collects is much more than casual news; it is important scientific data. And with careful analysis, Curt, along with a community of scientists, friends, and beachcombers alike, is using his data to understand and protect our ocean.

Twenty thousand leagues under the sea / By Jules Verne. London: Puffin: 1986. WWL call number 271213 Kids

In this timeless classic, the reader journeys from Atlantis to the South Pole, exploring the unsurpassed majesty of the marine world. For children in grades 4 and up.

Voyage: ocean...a full - speed - ahead tour of the oceans / By John Woodward. London; New York: Dk Publishing: 2009. WWL call number 110262 Kids

Voyage: Ocean brings the reader into the abyss of the deep, blue sea. Spectacular images explore the incredible ocean and the animals and plants that live there. Special spreads focus on the exploration of the ocean and informative text interacts with the imagery throughout this circular tome. Ages 8 - 11.