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Book List Project  
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Reading levels: 2-6

# Commotion In The Ocean

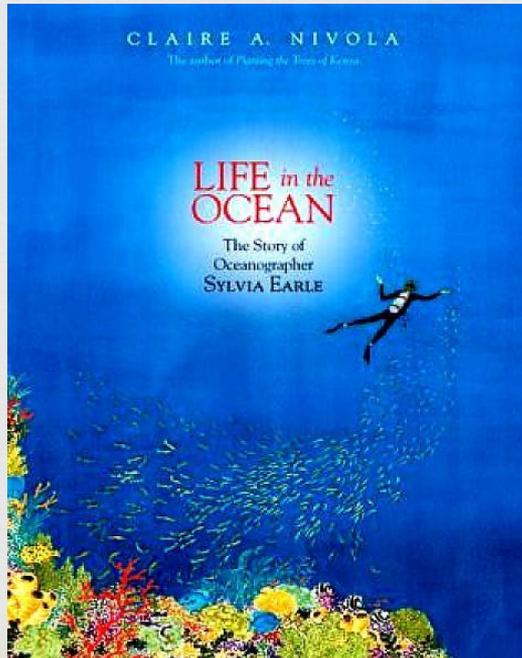


# Life in the Ocean

## The story of Oceanographer: Sylvia Earle



- ☞ Nivola, C. A. (2012). *Life in the ocean: The story of Sylvia Earle*. New York: Frances Foster Books, Farrar Straus Giroux. [ISBN: 1-978-0-374-38068-7]
- ☞ Hard Cover.
- ☞ Grade Level: 5.6
- ☞ WIDA Level: Expanding
- ☞ GRL: U

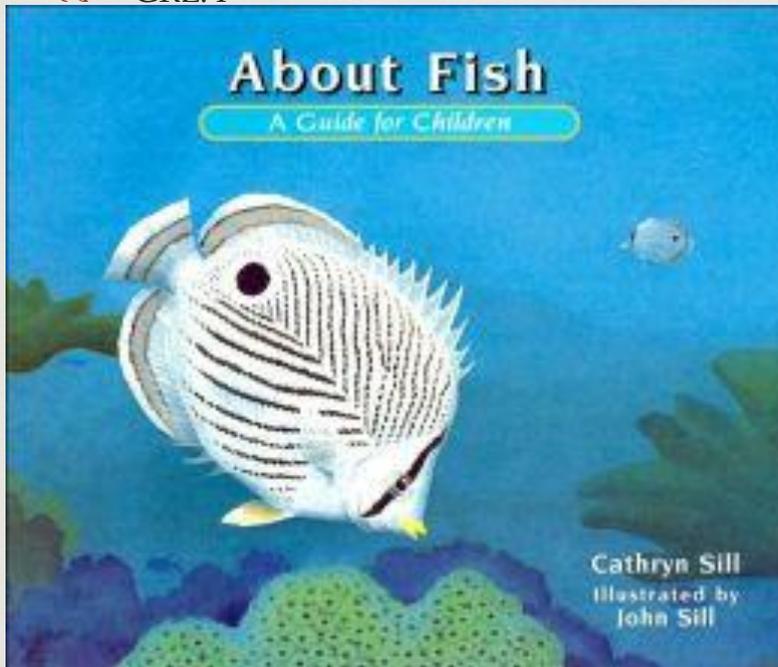


- ☞ This story is about an Oceanographer who grew up in New Jersey observing plants and animals on her families farms. Later on in life she moves to Florida and discovered the gulf of Mexico. In her story she explains her passion as she grew a love for the ocean. She tells her account as a marine biologist researching and exploring the wonders of the sea. This is a great way to introduce marine biology to ELL's because of the real-life imagery of the ocean.

- ☞ <http://classroombookshelf.blogspot.com/2012/05/life-in-ocean-story-of-oceanographer.html>
- ☞ [http://www.time.com/time/video/player/0,32068,616286987001\\_2021080,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/video/player/0,32068,616286987001_2021080,00.html)
- ☞ <http://floweringminds.wordpress.com/2012/04/05/life-in-the-ocean/>

# About Fish: A guide for Children

- ❧ Sill, C. P., & Sill, J. (2002). *About fish: A guide for children*. Atlanta: Peachtree [ISBN: 13: 978-1-5614-335-1].
- ❧ Paper back.
- ❧ Grade Level: 2.0
- ❧ WIDA Level: Entering.
- ❧ GRL: I



- ❧ The story is a simple read for second graders. ELLs would enjoy and most likely comprehend very well because the pictures match the words precisely. The story begins discussing the different locations that fish can be found. Then, it transitions smoothly discussing the outer layer of the fish along with how fish survive under water. On the last page of the book there is a great summary to the story this will also apply very well with ELLs.

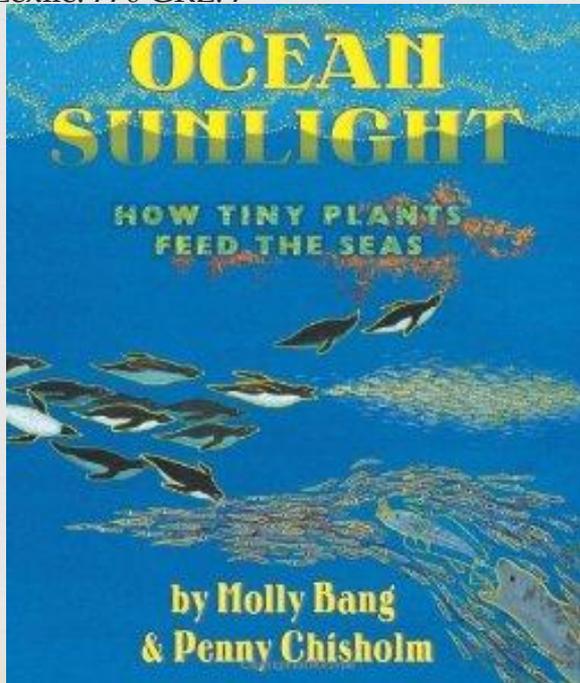
- ❧ <http://www.brighthubeducation.com/preschool-lesson-plans/94436-fish-craft-game-snack-and-lesson-for-preschoolers/>
- ❧ <http://eemartin.sharpschool.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=553865>

# Ocean Sunlight:

## How tiny Plants feed the seas



- ❧ Bang, M., & Chisholm, P. (2012). *Ocean sunlight: How tiny plants feed the seas*. New York: Blue Sky Press. [ISBN: 978-0-545-27322-0].
- ❧ Hard Cover.
- ❧ Grade Level: 4.5
- ❧ WIDA: Expanding.
- ❧ Lexile: 770 GRL: 7

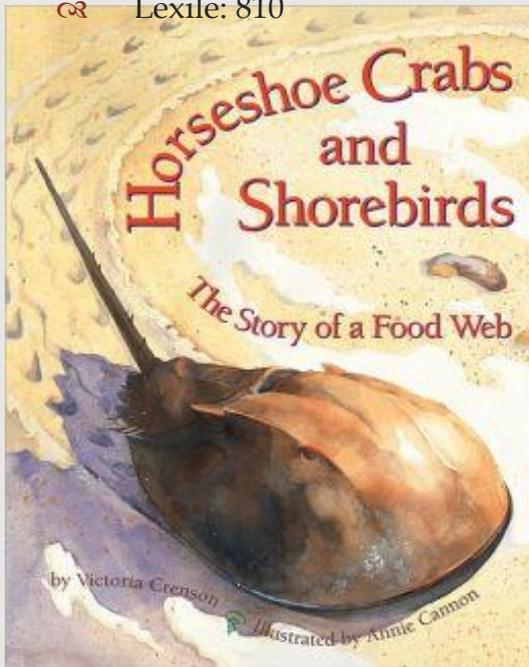


- ❧ Ocean Sunlight is a great concept book to introduce different themes such as the ecosystem, photosynthesis, energy, food chains etc... The book explains the ocean sunlight and how tiny plants feed the different species in the sea. In the story the “sun” describes how plants catch sunlight and use it to make food for all things to have life.

- ❧ <http://simplyscience.wordpress.com/2012/10/17/ocean-sunlight/>
- ❧ <http://sciencenetlinks.com/lessons/ocean-sunlight-how-tiny-plants-feed-seas/>

# Horseshoe Crabs and Shore Birds

- ❧ Crenson, V. (2009). *Horseshoe crabs and shore birds*. Marshall Cavendish. [ISBN: 0-7614-5115-3].
- ❧ Paper Back.
- ❧ Grade Level: 5.7
- ❧ WIDA Level: Bridging.
- ❧ Lexile: 810



- ❧ Horseshoe Crabs and Shore Birds is a story that explains the life cycle of a Horseshoe and the migration of Shore birds along the east coast. Victoria Crenson who is the author of this book explains the first hand account of her observations on the beaches of Delaware. The story of the text compliment the artwork rather than pictures adding to the story. ELL's would benefit of the watercolors that bring a true story to life.

- ❧ <http://www.wesselmannaturesociety.org/PDF/WHO'S%20FOR%20DINNER%20Program%20supplement%202013.pdf>
- ❧ <https://www.lernerbooks.com/tg/downloadables/9780822592259.pdf>

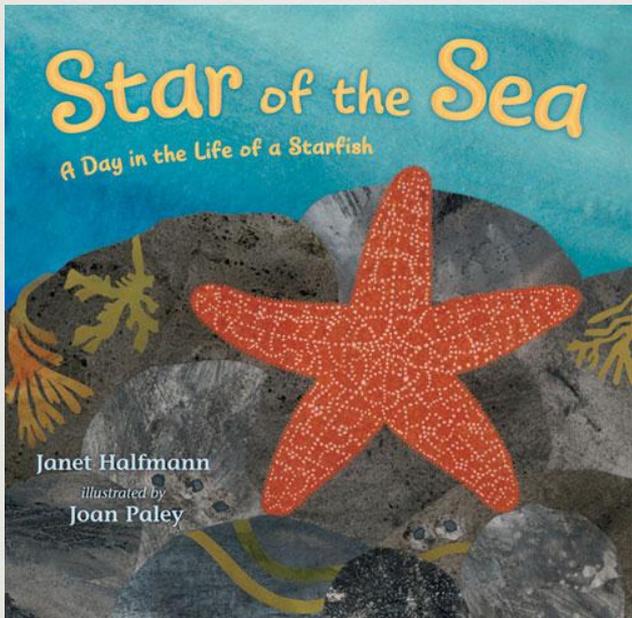
# Star of the Sea: A day in the life of a starfish



- ❧ Halfmann, J., & Paley, J. (2011). *Star of the sea: A day in the life of a starfish*. New York: H. Holt. [ISBN: 978-0-8050-9073-4].
- ❧ Paper back.
- ❧ Grade Level: 4.6
- ❧ WIDA Level: Developing.

❧ A day in the life of a starfish is a very rhythmic and poetic story about the star fish. The story goes into great detail of how the starfish finds her way in the sea in order to survive. The story reaches a climax as the starfish struggles to open the mussel to eat. As the starfish lays out in the sun uncovered she also needs to be aware to stay away from keen eyes such as the seagull. This story is great for ELLs because the story has easy words and a few to four sentences on each page which makes it suitable for an ELL learning who is Developing.

- ❧ <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/starfish-stars-sea-lesson-plan>
- ❧ <http://helenesharessciencebooks.wordpress.com/2012/03/27/outstanding-science-trade-books/>
- ❧ <http://blog.wrappedinfoil.com/2011/12/stem-friday-roundup-and-star-of-the-sea/>

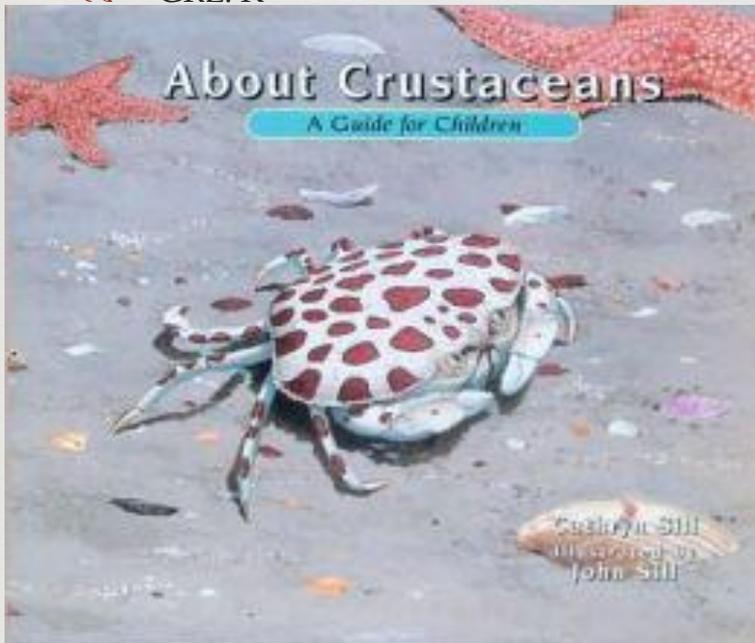


# About Crustaceans:

## A Guide for Children



- ❧ Sill, C. P., & Sill, J. (2004). *About crustaceans: A guide for children*. Atlanta: Peachtree. [ISBN: 1-56145-331-5].
- ❧ Paper Back
- ❧ Grade Level: 2.6
- ❧ WIDA Level: Entering-Beginning.
- ❧ GRL: K



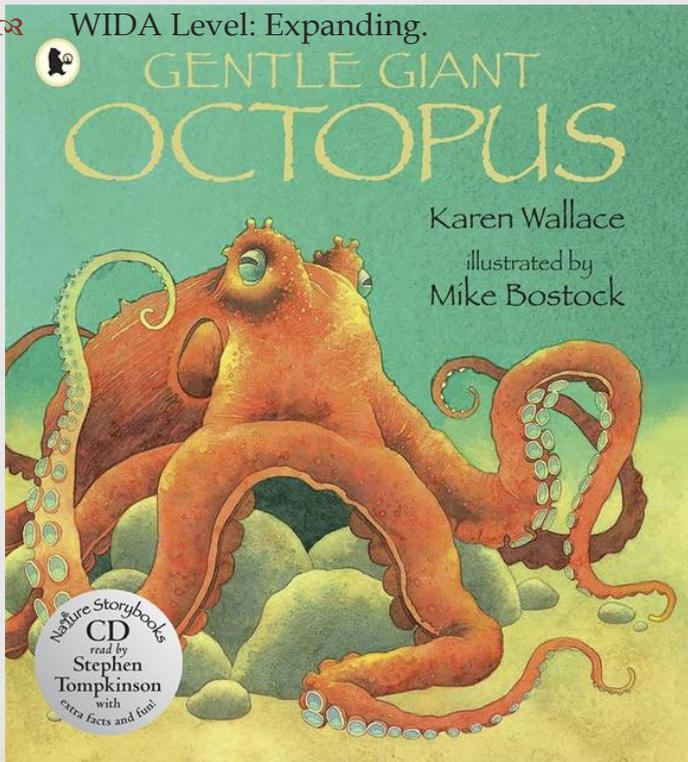
- ❧ About Crustaceans is one of Cathryn Sill's collection of books. About Crustaceans is an easy read that shares the basic characteristics that all crustaceans share. The story is very basic and has approximately one sentence on every page. This is very helpful for ELL's especially at an Entering or Developing stage. This book describes the fundamental characteristics of how crustaceans are and how they live.

- ❧ [https://www.roundrockisd.org/docs/3-about\\_arachnids.pdf](https://www.roundrockisd.org/docs/3-about_arachnids.pdf)
- ❧ <http://suffolktopicguides.org/content.php?pid=86326&sid=705907>

# Gentle Giant Octopus



- Wallace, K., & Bostock, M. (1998). *Gentle giant octopus*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press. [ISBN: 0-7636-0318-x].
- Hard Cover.
- Grade Level: 2.7
- WIDA Level: Expanding.

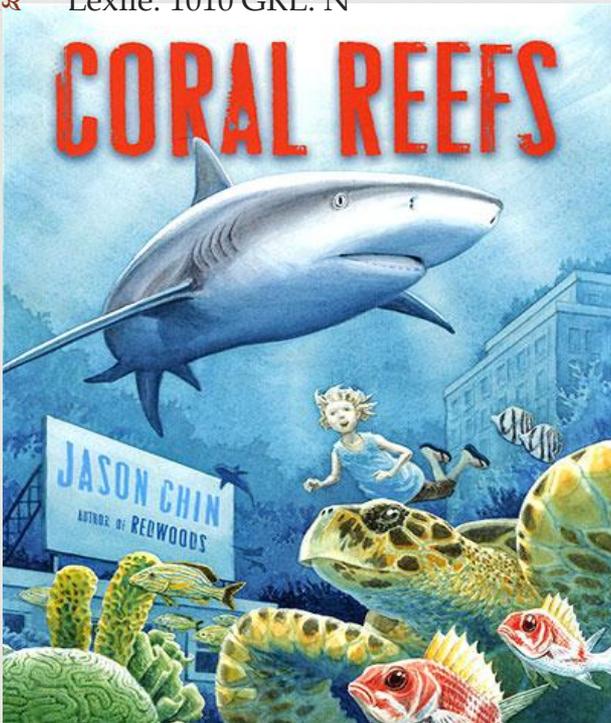


- Gentle Giant Octopus is a great book to present to ELL's because the pictures demonstrate small clips of pictures that show different concepts in sequence. Showing children ideas in sequence helps as a comprehension strategy. The book explains what a mother Octopus does to care for her babies. The book discusses parts of the Octopus and the basic strategies it uses to survive.

- <http://www.jcboe.org/media/97480/grade%203%20gentle%20giant%20octopus%20summer%20packet.pdf>
- <http://teachingchildrentowrite.blogspot.com/2010/07/lori-2nd-grade-creative-writing.html>

# Coral Reefs

- Chin, J. (2011). *Coral reefs*. New York: Roaring Brook Press. [ISBN: 978-1-59643-563-6].
- Hard Cover.
- Grade Level: 6.4
- WIDA Level: Bridging.
- Lexile: 1010 GRL: N



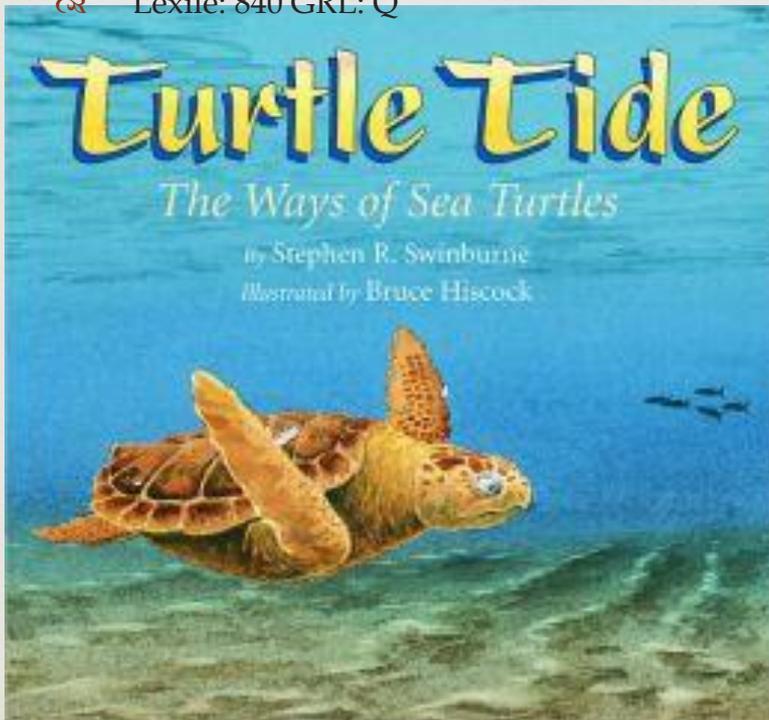
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- The story is about a young girl who takes a trip to the library. While she is at the library she suddenly finds herself in a city of coral reefs. As she continues to read the story she finds herself doing what she's reading. As she dives into the coral reefs she learns how the many species eat, feed and interact in a complex web of relationships. This book is geared towards an ELL child who is bridging at a level 5. The complexity of the book is very high order thinking. However the vibrant colors will attract any child. Children from the Caribbean can relate to the tropical species this book presents to the reader.
  - <http://helenesharesciencebooks.wordpress.com/2012/03/27/outstanding-science-trade-books/>
  - <http://sixtraitgurus.wordpress.com/2012/04/05/test-drive-jason-chins-hybrid-book-coral-reefs/>

# Turtle Tide:

## The ways of the Sea Turtles

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- ❧ Swinburne, S. R., & Hiscock, B. (2005). *Turtle tide: The ways of sea turtles*. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press. [ISBN #: 1-59078-081-7].
- ❧ Paper Back.
- ❧ Grade Level: 4.7
- ❧ WIDA Level: Expanding.
- ❧ Lexile: 840 GRL: Q



- ❧ Turtle Tides explains the ways of sea turtles. In the story it explains how turtles create a dune on the shore to lay eggs. When the mother returns back to the ocean, babies feed other species. The ones that remain find themselves in danger to return back to the shore. That is why sea turtles are endangered species. The watercolors present a real-life feeling. This book is great for ELL learners for the authenticity and language usage.

- ❧ <http://lanic.utexas.edu/project/etext/llilas/outreach/fulbright09/parker.pdf>
- ❧ <http://www.nsta.org/recommends/ViewProduct.aspx?ProductID=15593&print=true>

# Whales



- ❧ Gibbons, G. (1991). *Whales*. New York: Holiday House. [ISBN #: 0-8234-0900-7]
- ❧ Paper Back.
- ❧ Grade Level: 4.0
- ❧ WIDA Level: Developing.
- ❧ Lexile: 750

- ❧ Whales by Gail Gibbons is an informational text that explains the kinds of whales that are in the sea. The story explains how they swim, breath, eat, have babies. The story has great pictures that show labels of the different parts of the whale. This is a great ELL resource because the labels can help create that connection from the pictures to words.

- ❧ <http://teacher.neisd.net/library/public/lessonplan/lessonplan.cfm?lessonpk=42>
- ❧ <http://www.parents.com/blogs/homeschool-den/category/whale-unit/>



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