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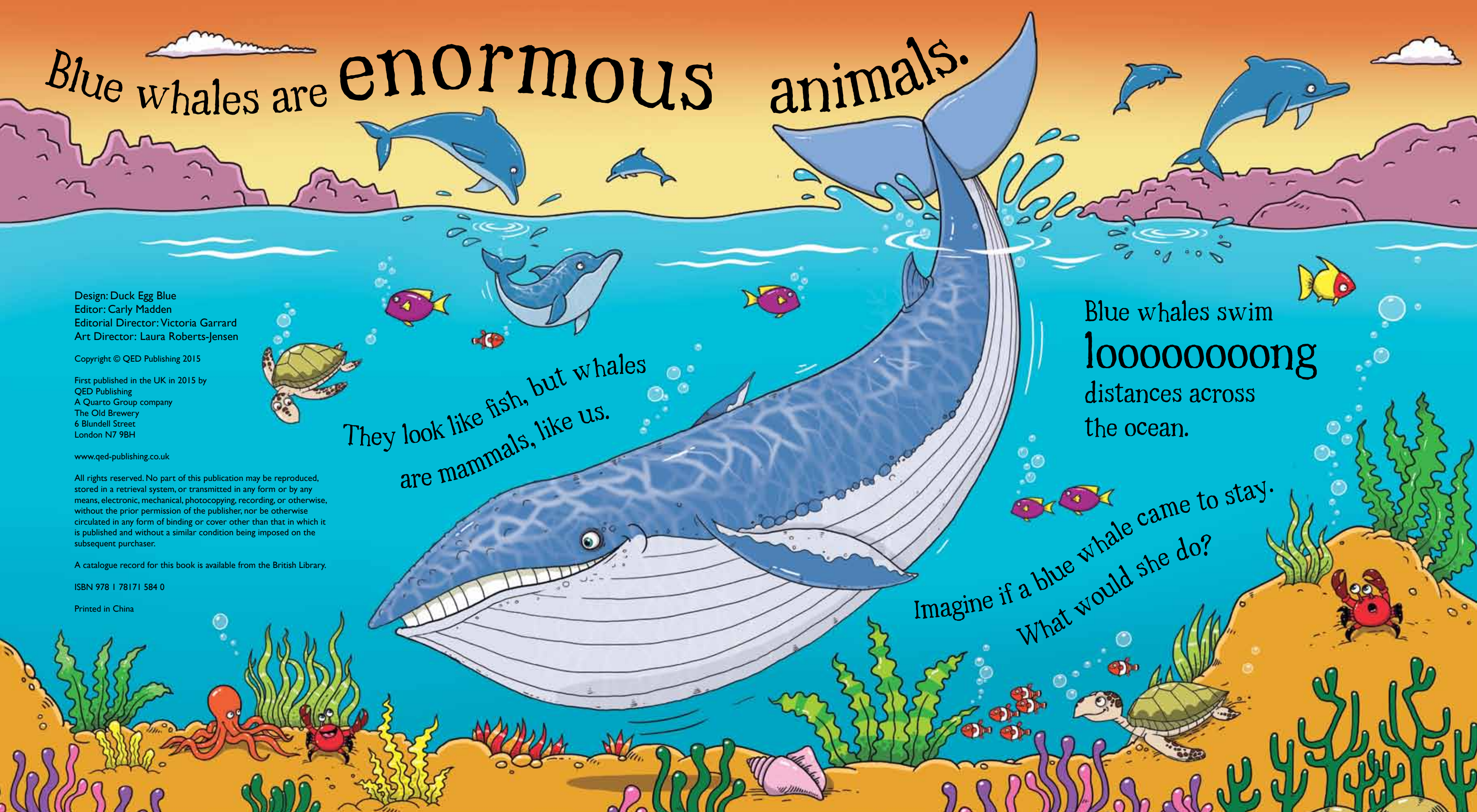
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They look like fish, but whales
are mammals, like us.

Blue whales swim
looooooong
distances across
the ocean.

Imagine if a blue whale came to stay.
What would she do?



Would a blue whale baby grow as fast as me?

When blue whales are born they weigh 3 tonnes. As a baby they are already one of the

biggest animals on the planet!

A baby whale can grow 3 centimetres and put on

90 kilograms

in just one day.

That's as much as a grown-up man weighs!



What if a blue whale tried synchronised swimming?

She would be a natural! Blue whales make lots of movements at the water's surface.

They **slap** the water with their fins... make a **splash**

with their tails... and they can **leap** out of the water.

But they **don't** look so good in a swimming cap!

