

For Dad – oceans of love – C.H.

For Podrick, Pawel, Luther and Otis,
the four legged explorers who kept me
company on this adventure! – B.W.

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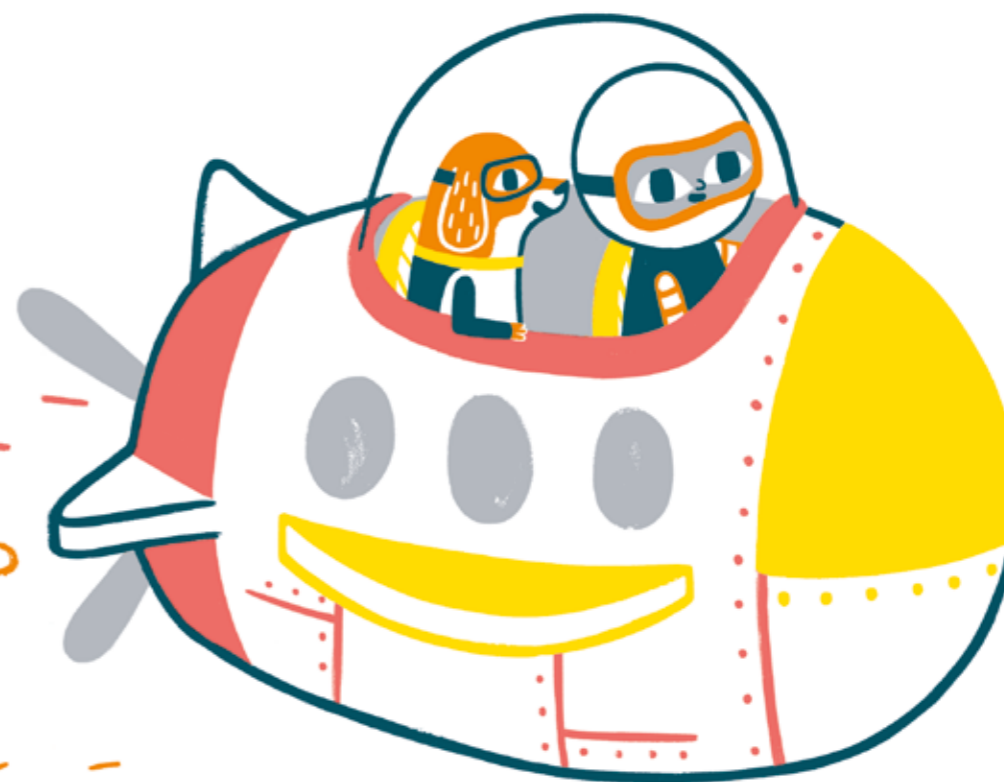
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MEET THE OCEANS



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Have you ever been down to the seaside
where the waves splash and CRASH to and fro?
Or peeped over the edge of a jetty
at the sea life that wriggles below?

Well, you might be surprised to discover
that so much of our planet is sea
and, within it, live millions of creatures
that are beautiful, strange, wild and free.

So ...



Let's dive through a world full of mystery
and go visit the oceans and seas
on a submarine epic adventure . . .

*all aboard –
take your seats if you please!*






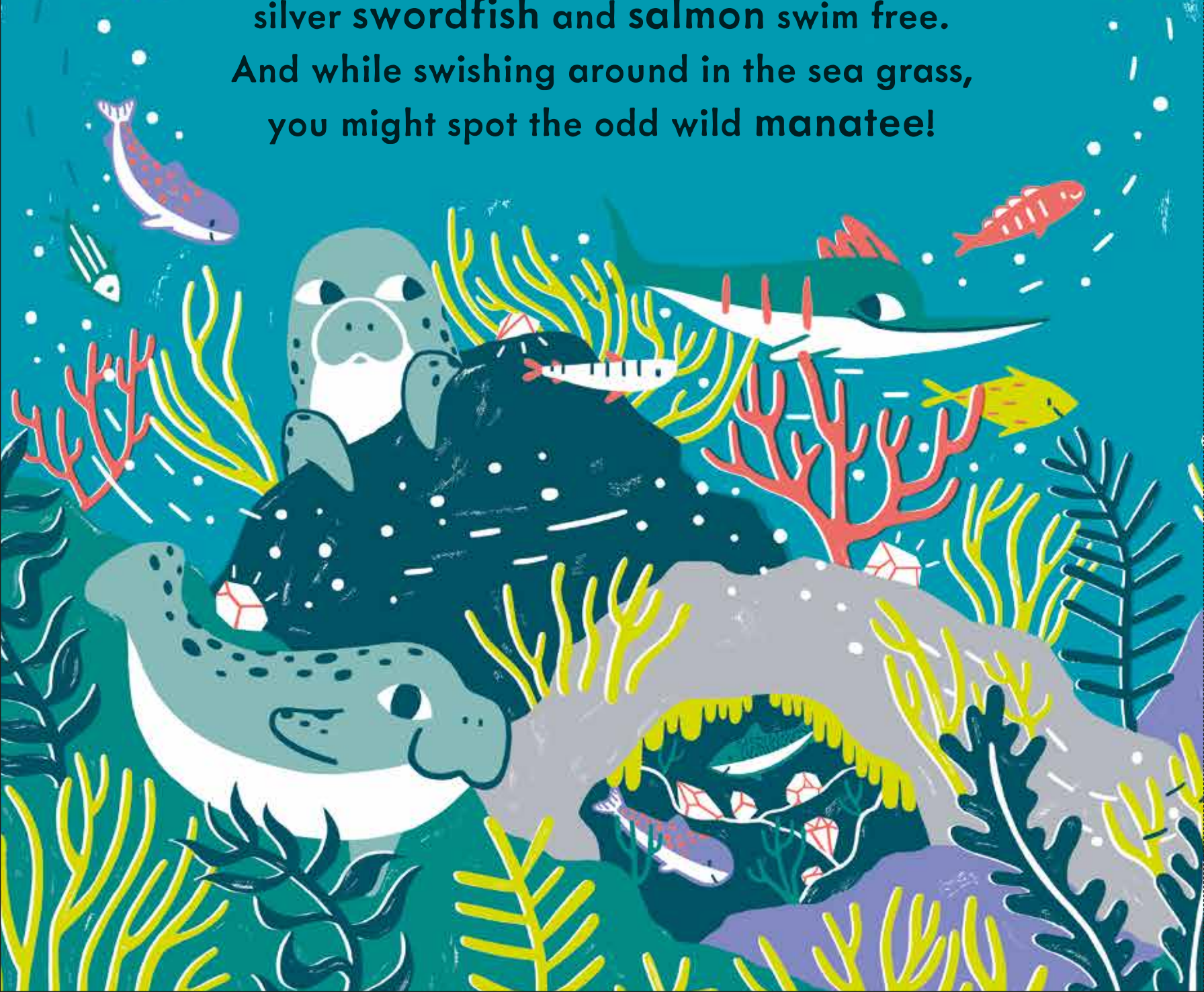
Brrrr! I'm the cold **ARCTIC OCEAN**.

I'm f-freezing – and, look, so are you!
In my waters swim narwhals and walrus,
And these friendly beluga whales too!

Giant jellyfish float near my surface,
furry polar bears pad on my ice.
and I might be the world's **SMALLEST** ocean –
but I think being little's quite nice.

The top half of the illustration shows the ocean's surface. On the left, a small boat with a red hull and black superstructure is on the water. To its right, a large, stylized wave is depicted with a face, featuring two large, white, almond-shaped eyes. The water is a vibrant blue with white foam on the waves. Several fish are scattered across the surface, including a purple and white fish on the far left and a yellow and black striped fish near the boat.

I'm the breezy **ATLANTIC**, you've found me –
a VAST ocean of winds and of waves.
And d'you know? I have mountains below me,
and hundreds of undersea caves.

The bottom half of the illustration depicts the ocean floor. In the foreground, a large, grey, rocky formation is covered with yellow and green seaweed. A manatee is swimming near the rocks, and another is partially visible behind it. The background shows a variety of colorful coral reefs in shades of red, yellow, and purple. Several fish are swimming around, including a large green swordfish with a white belly and a purple and white fish. The water is a deep blue with small white bubbles and particles.

Sparkling diamonds hide down in my sea bed,
silver swordfish and salmon swim free.
And while swishing around in the sea grass,
you might spot the odd wild manatee!

