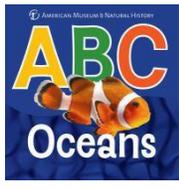
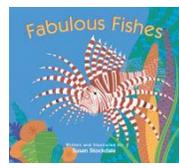
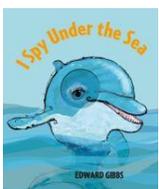
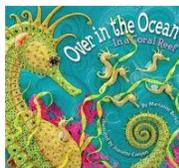
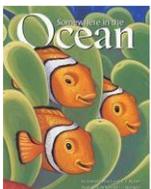
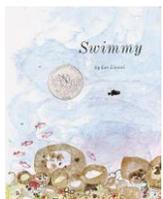
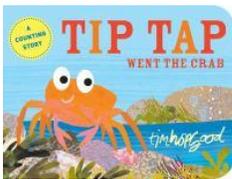
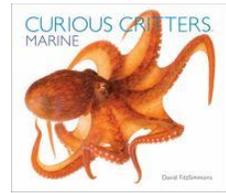


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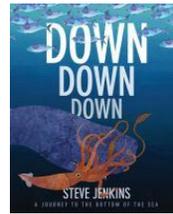
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 <p>ABC Oceans, American Museum of Natural History (2014) Fun facts about twenty-six ocean creatures.</p>	 <p>Breathe, Scott Magoon (2014) A gentle ocean story to share – especially nice at bedtime.</p>
 <p>Fabulous Fishes, Susan Stockdale (2008) Simple, rhyming text and brightly colored, richly textured illustrations introduce young readers to different kinds of fish. An afterword offers fascinating facts and a closer look at each fish. Great to read to a group!</p>	 <p>First Big Book of the Ocean, Catherine D. Hughes (2013) More than 100 photographs illustrate this animal reference book.</p>
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 <p>Over in the Ocean, Marianne Collins Berkes (2004) Set to the rhythm of Over in the Meadow, this is a fun introduction to the denizens of a coral reef.</p>	 <p>Somewhere in the Ocean, Jennifer Ward (2000) A counting book in rhyme presents various marine animals and their children. Complete with a glossary, musical score, and numbers hidden in the illustrations.</p>
 <p>Swimmy, Leo Lionni (1991) A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.</p>	 <p>Tip Tap Went the Crab, Tim Hopgood (2013) A curious little crab tip-taps out of her rock pool to explore the big blue sea, she discovers a world full of wonderful creatures.</p>

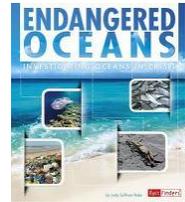
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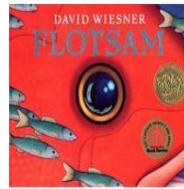
Curious Critters Marine, David FitzSimmons (2015)
 Images so stunningly life-like, so fabulously detailed, you'll believe you are swimming in the sea!



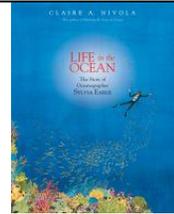
Down, Down, Down, Steve Jenkins (2009) Caldecott Honor-winning Steve Jenkins provides a top-to-bottom look at the ocean, from birds and waves to thermal vents and ooze.



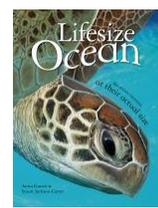
Endangered Oceans, Jody Sullivan Rake (2015) Discusses what oceans are, their importance to the ecosystem, how humans are harming them, and what can be done to protect them.



Flotsam, David Weisner (2006) What happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam? A wordless adventure! Detailed pictures reward close observation.



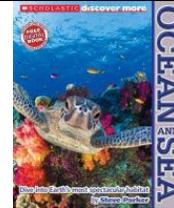
Life in the Ocean, Claire A. Nivola (2012) Sylvia Earle first lost her heart to the ocean as a young girl. This is the story of Sylvia's growing passion and how her ocean exploration and advocacy have made her known around the world.



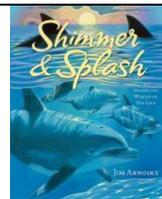
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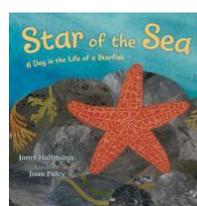
Ocean, Philippe Cousteau (2015) The ocean is the last great place to explore on our planet. Here are the latest and greatest animal facts about the ocean!



Ocean and Sea, Steve Parker (2012) An introduction to ocean water, geology, geography, and a stunning catalogue of ocean life.



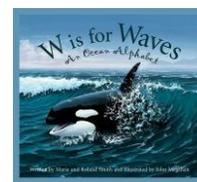
Shimmer & Splash: The Sparkling World of Sea Life, Jim Arnosky (2013) What can you see in the deep blue sea? Artist Jim Arnosky captures the endless variety of spectacular marine species



Star of the Sea, Janet Halfmann (2011) An inspiring story informs young children about the important role of a small but fascinating sea creature.

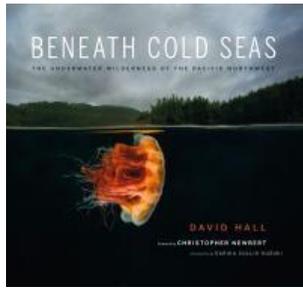


Tracking Trash, Loree Griffin Burns (2010) An army of beachcombers help oceanographer Dr. Ebbesmeyer track trash in the name of science.



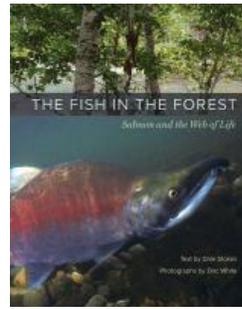
W is for Wave, Marie Smith (2008) An A to Z introduction to our world's oceans and ocean life. Topics include Atlantis, kelp forests, the Great Barrier Reef, mollusks, and more.

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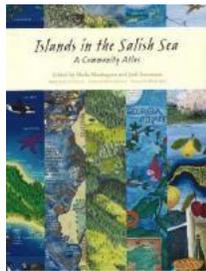


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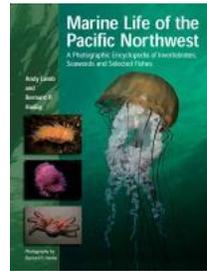


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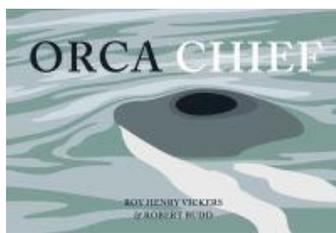
Islands in the Salish Sea: A Community Atlas, edited by Sheila Harrington and Judi Stevenson (2005)

Gorgeous, fascinating and unconventional, the Islands in the Salish Sea show aspects of the Gulf Islands that are most beloved by the residents, from heritage orchards, fishing spots and patches of endangered wild orchids to ancient First Nations' sites and bird colonies.



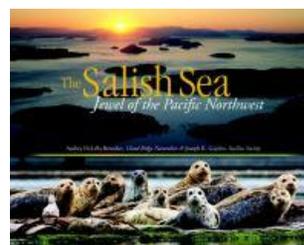
Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest, Andy Lamb and Bernard P. Hanby (2005) Finalist for 2006 BC Booksellers' Choice Award In Honour Of Bill Duthie . This is the most comprehensive collection of photographs of Pacific

Northwest marine life ever published. It is designed to allow the reader to recognize virtually any coastal organism that might be encountered from southern Alaska to southern Oregon.



Orca Chief, Roy Henry Vickers (2015) Four hunters leave home in the spring to harvest seaweed and sockeye. When they arrive at their

fishing grounds, exhaustion makes them lazy and they throw their anchor overboard without care for the damage it might do to marine life or the sea floor...



The Salish Sea: Jewel of the Pacific Northwest, Audrey D. Benedict (2015) A feast for the eyes, a high-quality publishing effort rich in glossy colour photos and

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