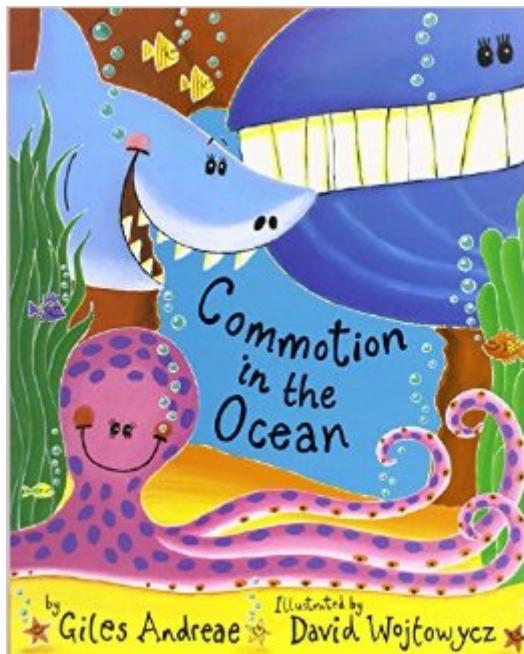


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Commotion In The Ocean



Synopsis

"There's a curious commotion, at the bottom of the ocean; I think we ought to go and take a look. You'll find every sort of creature, that lives beneath the sea; swimming through the pages of this book." The sequel to the best-selling "Rumble in the Jungle," this delightful new collection of poems includes fun rhymes about the creatures who live in and around the ocean. Children will delight in the snappy poems and colorful illustrations about whales, walruses, penguins, polar bears, stingrays and sharks.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

This book is an adorable addition to anyone's book collection. A different ocean animal is featured on each page. Along with the picture is a short poem about the animal. Children love the pictures and the rhyming text. Also check out Rumble in the Jungle by Giles Andreae. It has the same type of text and illustrations but involves jungle animals. Note to teachers: I use this with my ocean unit. Your students will ask you to read this over and over again. Trust me!

My children love it, except it uses the word dumb at one point and mine know they aren't supposed to use that word.

I checked this out from the library and am very glad we didn't buy it. Speaking as a former animal educator, this book made me angry. My opinion is that if you are going to write about animals and describe them and their habitats you should have basic knowledge of them. I'll give artistic license to some of it. The things that I had to (and have to now with my own children) unteach children are: sharks aren't mean, swordfish don't skewer their food, stingrays don't electrocute prey, and penguins and polar bears don't live on the same hemispheres. Also, when we got to the fun deep sea fish which the children don't see often, they were shoved into a two page spread and none of the fish were identified. And, to enrage the grammarian in me, the plural of fish is "fish." If you're going to write to young children and influence young minds, get your facts straight. I do concede that the artwork and page layout were fantastic. I did enjoy animal descriptions that were "fun" like the octopus, dolphins, crabs and turtles.

This beautifully illustrated book is full of fun poems that describe various animals that live in the ocean. It has rich vocabulary and is a great read-aloud!

My fish loving 3 year old son really likes this book. He loves to look at the pictures and guess the fish at the end of the book. The only thing I don't like is the word "dumb" is used. That could have been left out since toddlers tend to repeat most everything they hear. I chose to buy it since it was recommended with *Dinosaurumpus* by Tony Mitton...now that book is absolutely awesome!

The writing reads oddly aloud. My early reader likes me reading it to him but it takes a little extra effort by the reader. Some pages rhyme well and others are awkward so there's a bit of ad-libbing. Luckily, I don't mind that.

I have to say that I am surprised that this is by the same author that wrote *Giraffes can't Dance*, which is a fantastic rhyming picture book. *Commotion in the Ocean* is a bit off beat in its reading-out-loud rhythm and seems to have not been edited well. My kids seem to like it well enough but I do not look forward to reading it.

One of our grandkids' favorite books, one they have loved since they were three and still enjoy at 6 and 7. I love how the author combines a cute poem with interesting and important facts about each sea creature .

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