

Sara Anderson is an artist whose work spans twenty-five years of designing products for children and the home. She has created exclusive designs—from textiles to ceramics, toys to books—for companies such as Crate & Barrel, The Museum of Modern Art, Takashimaya, Target, and UNICEF.

Her books include A DAY AT THE MARKET, TOO BIG TO DANCE, PUMPKIN SHIVAREE, SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE POLKA-DOT PIGS, and most recently, three pairs of board books, NOISY CITY DAY and NOISY CITY NIGHT, COLORS and NUMBERS, and FRUIT and VEGETABLES.

Her introduction to the piquancy of the sea came as a child in Gloucester, Massachusetts. She subsequently developed a love of swimming (not to mention playing in the waves) and has been plunging into many and varied oceans ever since, from the Jersey Shore to the Sea of Cortez. Never moving far from the shore, Sara divides her time between Seattle—where her home overlooks the city's harbor—and New England.



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“Her poetry sings like a seashell held up to the reader’s ear, whispering with wonder and using its siren song to entice further exploration of the mysteries beneath the waves.

...The lure of the sea is strong, and younger readers especially will delight in plumbing its depths with the help of pictures whose colors and shapes seem to swim across the page. Proceed at a snail’s pace: “There’s much to enjoy.”

—KIRKUS REVIEWS  
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A Poem of the Sea

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OCTOPUS OYSTER invites you on a breathtaking journey beneath the surface of the sea. Open this book and enter a world so vivid and alive that you can almost taste the briny tang of the seashore. Dive deep and discover the amazing colors, shapes and rhythms of a mysterious and inviting underwater universe.

Children and adult readers will be captivated by the extraordinary beauty of this watery realm filled with unexpected encounters and adventures. As you marvel at the strange variety of sea life, you'll suddenly bump into a whale, then join a goggle-eyed squid as he spies on an elusive eel. On this magical and enticing voyage, you float above, glide below and swim nose-to-nose with a delightful cast of aquatic creatures.

In Sara Anderson's brilliant illustrations, seals bark and roll, leaving fizzy clouds of bubbles in their wake. Dolphins jump for joy, busy little crabs chase the endlessly receding waves and a spiraling school of fish swims upward through shimmering sunlight. Her poetic language is mesmerizing and rhythmic, evoking the soothing song of the sea as well as the clatter and splash of a world that's brimming with vibrant colors and a dizzying array of life and activity. Every page offers new surprises as it immerses you in the splendor and wonder that is the ocean.

Selected by Nick Jr. (Nickelodeon) and Kirkus Reviews as one of the Best Children's Books of 2005

