



One Remarkable Reef

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Gould's Petrel



Humpback Whale



Pipefish



Giant Clam



Queensland Grouper



Maori Wrasse



Grey Nurse Shark



Potato Cod



Coral Colony



Scalloped Hammerhead Shark



Whale Shark



Manta Ray



Dugong (Sea Cow)



Australian Snubfin Dolphin



Indo-Pacific Dolphin



Loggerhead Turtle



Olive Ridley Turtle



Leatherback Turtle



Hawksbill Turtle



Green Turtle

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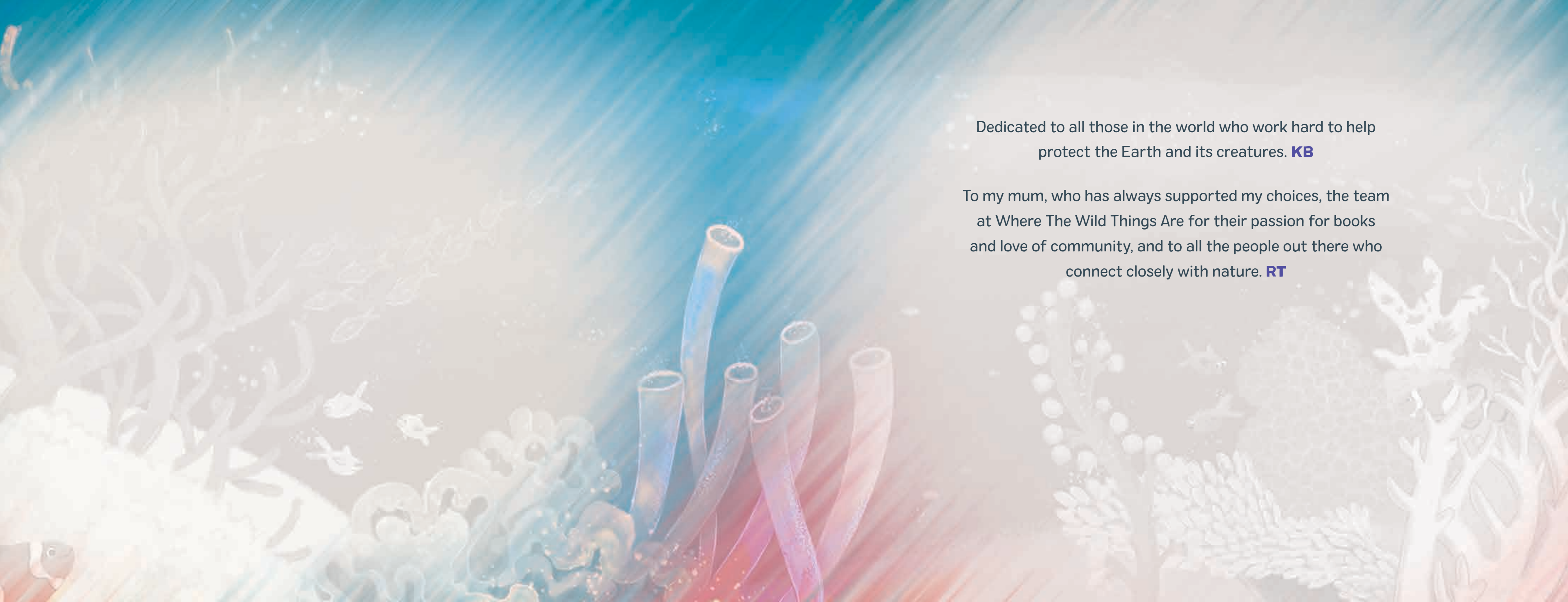
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Dedicated to all those in the world who work hard to help
protect the Earth and its creatures. **KB**

To my mum, who has always supported my choices, the team
at Where The Wild Things Are for their passion for books
and love of community, and to all the people out there who
connect closely with nature. **RT**



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An aerial photograph of a coral reef system. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, with intricate patterns of sand and coral visible beneath the surface. A small white sailboat is visible on the right side of the image. The horizon is a straight line in the distance, with a few birds flying in the sky above.

**Off the coast of Queensland
lies a very special place.**

**A reef packed full of sea life
we cannot soon replace.**



**Among the clear blue waters
live creatures great and small.**

**Many are at risk, though,
and we must protect them all.**

**Can you spot these animals
that call the reef their home?**

**Count them all as you explore.
Check out this busy zone!**



One squawking seabird
swoops down from clouds sky-high.



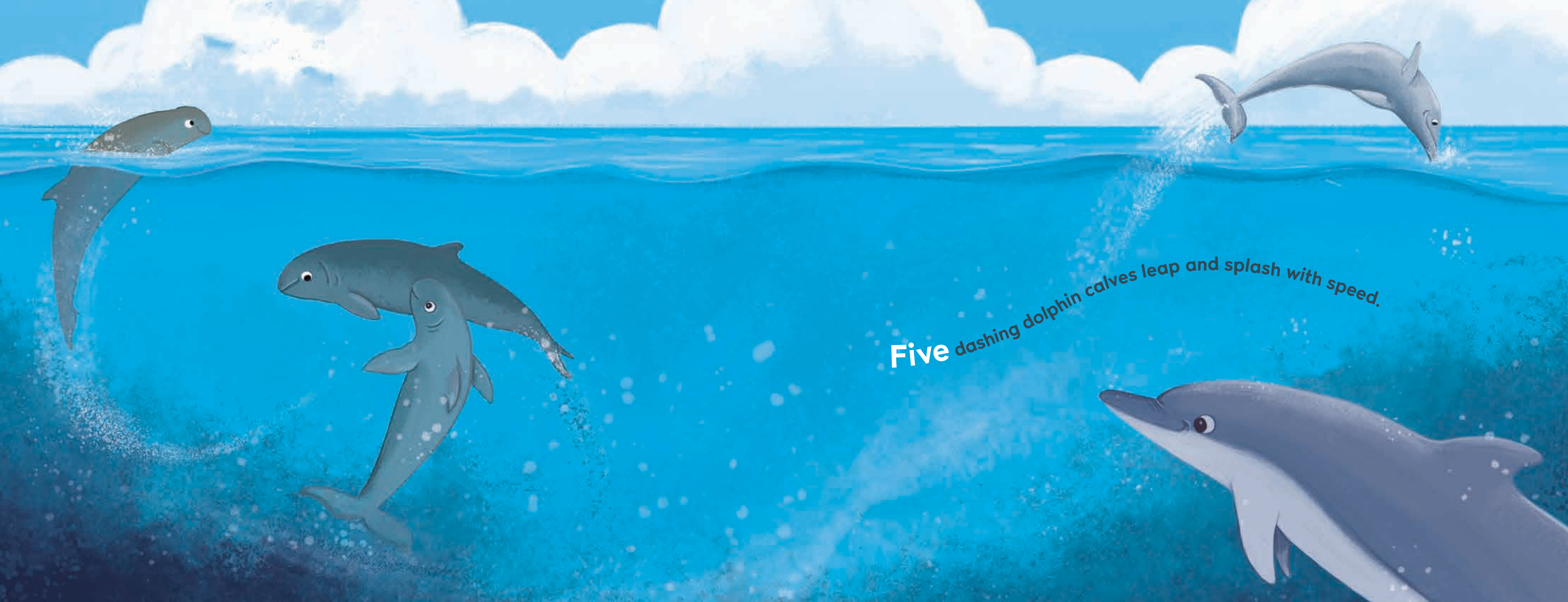
Two wandering whales sing and breach as they pass by.

Three sturdy sharks swim along in search of lunch.



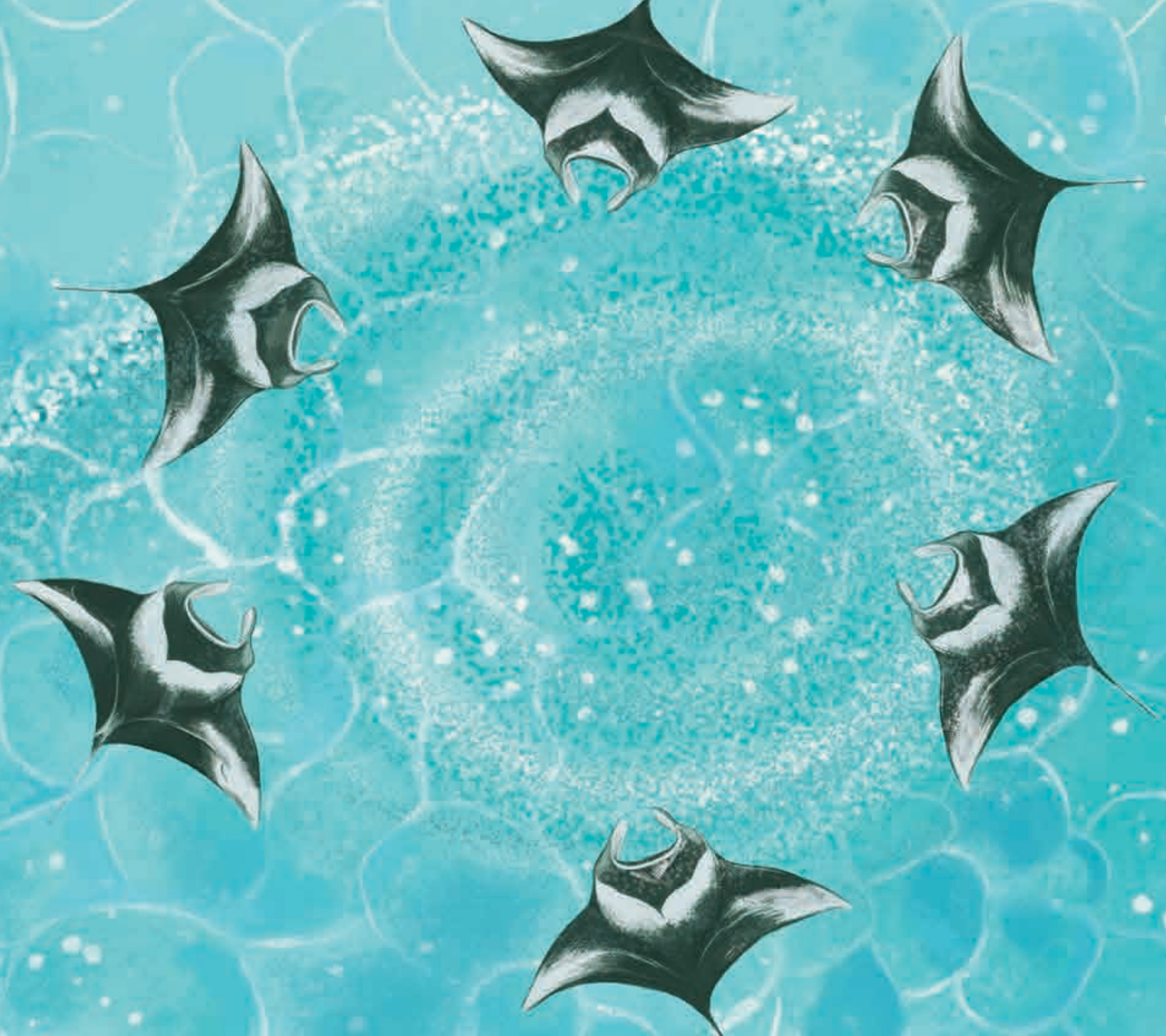
Four shy sea cows find some seagrass they can munch.





Five dashing dolphin calves leap and splash with speed.

Six moving manta rays form a chain to feed.





Seven tough turtles pick sponges out from cracks.

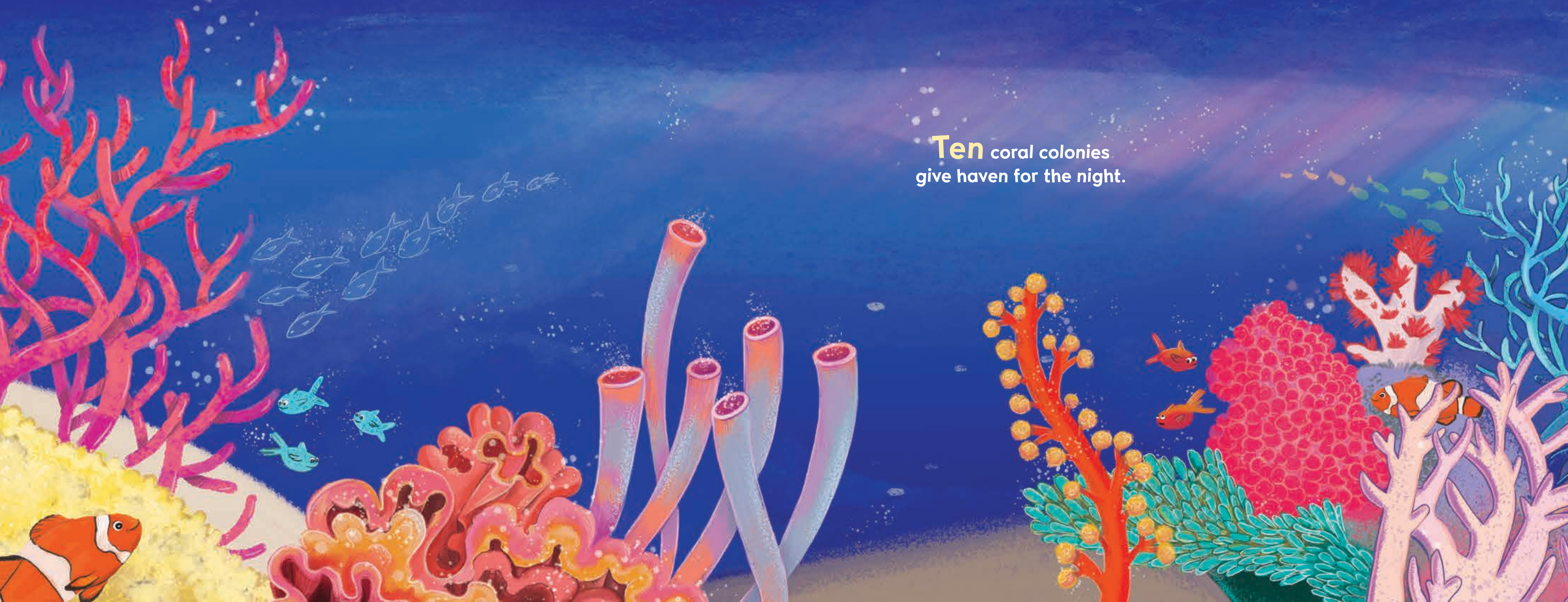
Eight colossal clams
slurp drifting plankton snacks.





Nine rare reef fish make quite a stunning sight.

Ten coral colonies
give haven for the night.



A surreal landscape painting. In the foreground, a large, smooth rock with a marbled pattern of purples, pinks, and whites sits on a dark, reflective surface. The rock's surface is highly detailed with swirling patterns. In the background, a calm sea stretches to a horizon under a twilight sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a soft pink and orange near the horizon, where a small, glowing sun is setting. Two long, thin, white streaks, resembling meteors or comets, arc across the upper portion of the sky. The overall mood is dreamlike and serene.

Now, my young explorer,
rest your weary head.

And dream tonight of sea life,
from your comfy bed.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kellie Byrnes is a children's author and full-time freelance writer with a degree in literature. Her first picture book, *Cloud Conductor*, came out in 2018, and five more of her picture books, plus a junior-fiction novel, will be published by 2022. Kellie was an Artist-in-Residence at the Crows Nest on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, for four months in 2019, and a mentee in the US-based 'Writing with the Stars' program in 2018. She reviews children's books and blogs about kidlit, and as a freelance writer has created a variety of content for companies around the world.

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ABOUT FIRST 5 FOREVER

In the first five years, little moments make a big difference.

Children learn best from those closest to them – and by talking, reading, singing and playing together every day, families support their child's brain development and help them build a lifelong love of learning and discovery.

First 5 Forever is an early literacy program supporting families to make the most of this time. The program offers free sessions for children 0–5 and their families throughout Queensland's public library and Indigenous Knowledge Centre network, and provides fun, informative and hands-on tips and advice online.

First 5 Forever is an initiative of the Queensland Government, coordinated by State Library of Queensland and delivered in partnership with local government. Each year, public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres across Queensland welcome thousands of families to First 5 Forever activities.

To find out more about First 5 Forever, visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/first5forever

ABOUT THIS SERIES

State Library of Queensland has published twelve new children's picture books for Queensland's littlest readers as part of First 5 Forever. The books promote strong early literacy foundations through a range of subjects and styles: the amusing antics of Queensland's faunal emblem, the koala; educational aids such as counting and alphabet books; stories of belonging; journeys of discovery; true-life tales; and much more.

Produced exclusively for State Library of Queensland and First 5 Forever, this series reflects the diversity of Queensland, celebrates the uniqueness of our state, and aims to inspire a love of reading and discovery in a new generation of little Queenslanders.

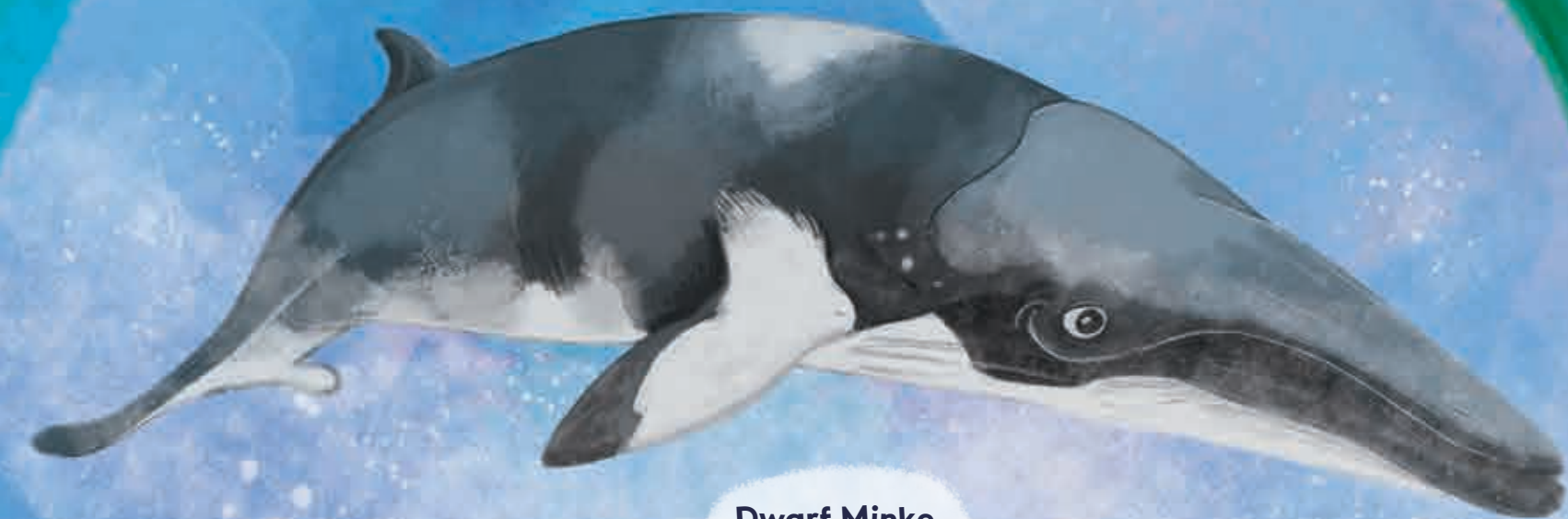
The books also showcase writers and artists with a Queensland connection who are based throughout the state. They feature emerging and established talent, as well as First Nations writers and artists whose books were developed with State Library of Queensland's black&write! editorial team.

Count the Extra Animals

Here are five additional vulnerable creatures that live at the Great Barrier Reef.



Green Sawfish



Dwarf Minke
Whale



Little Tern



Saltwater
Crocodile



Giant
Triton Shell

The background is a stylized illustration of an underwater scene. A large, dark blue whale is swimming diagonally from the top right towards the bottom left. The water is depicted with various shades of blue and green, suggesting depth and light filtering through. At the bottom of the frame, there are patches of orange and red coral. In the bottom left corner, the head and open mouth of a smaller, dark-colored fish are visible, showing small white teeth.

The Great Barrier Reef is a remarkable place.
Teeming with life, it provides food and shelter
to millions of animals.

Count from one to ten with this gentle,
rhyming bedtime book, while learning about
some of the reef's most threatened creatures.