

Resources for *The Eye of the Whale*

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The books below complement the ideas and information in *The Eye of the Whale*:

- ***Face To Face With Whales*** by Flip and Linda Nicklin (National Geographic, 2010)
With his beautiful photographs, Flip Nicklin brings us face to face with whales as we learn about different kinds of whales, discover how we can aid their recovery from years of humans overhunting them, and learn how we can protect their environment.
- ***The Secret World of Whales*** by Charles Siebert, illustrated by Molly Baker (Chronicle Books, developed in collaboration with the NRDC–National Resources Defense Council, 2011)
A chapter book filled with great photos and illustrations, this has several descriptions of human encounters with whales - how whales were (and are) hunted, and how the activities and inventions of humans how impact them. Though whales are obviously very different from humans, Siebert explains that scientists have discovered that whales' brains are very much like those of humans. He gives examples of how we have reached out to them as well as stories of when they have reached out to us - such as during the famous rescue featured in *The Eye of the Whale*.
- ***The Whale: Giant of the Ocean*** by Valerie Tracqui, photos by L'Agence PHO.N.E. (Charlesbridge, 1997)
Using fabulous photographs and informative text, this book provides an excellent overview of whales, with a special focus on humpbacks. It discusses many aspects of whale life ranging from the physical traits of whales to their behavior, and also discusses how we can protect them.
- ***Sea Soup: Zooplankton*** by Mary M. Cerullo (Tilbury House, 2001)(Ages 8-12)
The diet of humpback whales consists of plankton, krill, and small schooling fish. This is a good book to help understand the importance of these creatures, not just to whales, but to all life on the planet.
- ***Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle***
by Claire Nivola (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2012)
Sylvia Earle has dedicated her life to learning more about what she calls “the blue heart of the planet.” Sylvia’s ocean exploration and advocacy have made her known around the world. This picture-book biography also includes an informative author’s note that will motivate young environmentalists.
- ***Jacques Cousteau*** by Dan Yaccarino (Dragonfly Books, 2012) (Ages 4-9)
A short biography of a real-world hero: famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau. This

is a brief text that includes a few direct quotes. The book covers Cousteau's lifelong fascination with the sea, filmmaking, and invention, and shows the scientist as a young boy, tinkering with cameras and swimming in the ocean to recover from chronic illness.

- ***Whale Nation*** by Heathcote Williams (Harmony Books, 1988) (Older readers)
“Lavishly illustrated with photographs and line drawings, this powerful poem not only celebrates the beauty and strength of the world’s largest mammals, but condemns the cruelty of men toward the whale.” (From the book jacket)
- ***Granny’s Clan: A Tale of Wild Orcas*** by Sally Hodson (Dawn Publications, 2012)
(Ages 4-8)
Based on actual orca (killer whale) research, this book combines science with the real story of how family, friendship, and a grandmother’s love are helping this magnificent but endangered orca clan to survive.
- ***The Watcher: Jane Goodall’s Life with the Chimps*** (Schwartz & Wade, 2011)
(Ages 4-8)
This book shows children the value of “watching” and it introduces them to a hero - Jane Goodall. Although not about whales or oceans, Goodall’s work relates to protecting all animals, including those who live in the sea.

Internet Resources

There are many organizations and education associations dedicated to promoting awareness about whales and improving relationships between humans and other species on our planet and ultimately promoting ocean literacy. Visiting the websites of a few of these organizations will provide additional information and/or offer activities that are related to themes embedded in *The Eye of the Whale*.

National Marine Educators Association

Making known the world of water.

www.marine-ed.org

The Marine Mammal Center [www.marinemammalcenter.org/what-we-do/
#.UFiVHkaf91M](http://www.marinemammalcenter.org/what-we-do/#.UFiVHkaf91M)

This is the organization responsible for coordinating the rescue in *The Eye of the Whale*. Its mission is to expand knowledge about marine mammals - their health and that of their ocean environment - and to inspire their global conservation. Each year, The Marine Mammal Center education programs and events reach over 30,000 children and adults in the San Francisco Bay area.

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Whale Watching in the San Juan Islands

www.whalemuseum.org/education/library/whalewatch/watchmain.html

Whale watching in the San Juan Islands has become a multi-million dollar industry in recent years. The Whale Museum estimates that, annually, more than 500,000 people go whale watching on commercial whale-watch boats in the trans-boundary waters of Washington and British Columbia. Another 3,000-8,000 watch whales each year from private boats.

Pacific Whale Watch Association

www.pacificwhalewatch.org

Center for Whale Research

www.whaleresearch.com

Commission for Environmental Cooperation Whale Watching

www.cec.org/Page.asp?

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Commercial whale watching has rapidly become a billion-dollar global business - well over half of it occurring in the three countries of North America. Properly conducted, this leisure activity represents a valuable opportunity to build sustainable tourism. In light of concerns about the possible effects on cetaceans, the CEC is working with stakeholders to formulate criteria for the sustainable development of the industry, writes Gisela Heckel.

Save The Whales

www.savethewhales.org/you_can_do.html

www.samethewhales.org

Dedicated to educating people young and old about marine mammals, their environment, and their preservation. It posts a helpful list on its website entitled: "10 Ways You Can Help Marine Life Every Day."

The New Bedford Whaling Museum

Originally instituted to document the history of whaling, which was once very active from the city of New Bedford, Massachusetts, the museum now also educates people about whales with its exhibits and programming.

This link will take you to lists of comparative information about different species of cetaceans: www.whalingmuseum.org/learn/about-cetaceans

This link will take you to an interactive Hunt for Knowledge game about whales:

www.whalingmuseum.org/huntforknowledge/index.html

Bryant Austin - Photographer

www.studiocosmos.com/index.html

This photographer takes incredible close-up photos of whales, then prints the photos so that when they are all put together, they are the actual size of the whale. He approaches whales slowly and quietly in his boat, slides into the water with a snorkel, and then lets the whales come close to him to photograph them. When you visit the site, make sure you read his story about how he was inspired to do this amazing work!

Ocean Literacy

Primarily for adults, activists, and educators, this site will lead you to a wealth of information and resources:

oceanliteracy.wp2.coexploration.org

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots

Provides young people with the knowledge, tools and inspiration to improve the environment and the quality of life for people and animals.

www.rootsandshoots.org

Much of this information is also on Tilbury House's "Teachers Take Note" page. It can be accessed at the bottom of the webpage for *The Eye of the Whale* at

www.tilburyhouse.com.