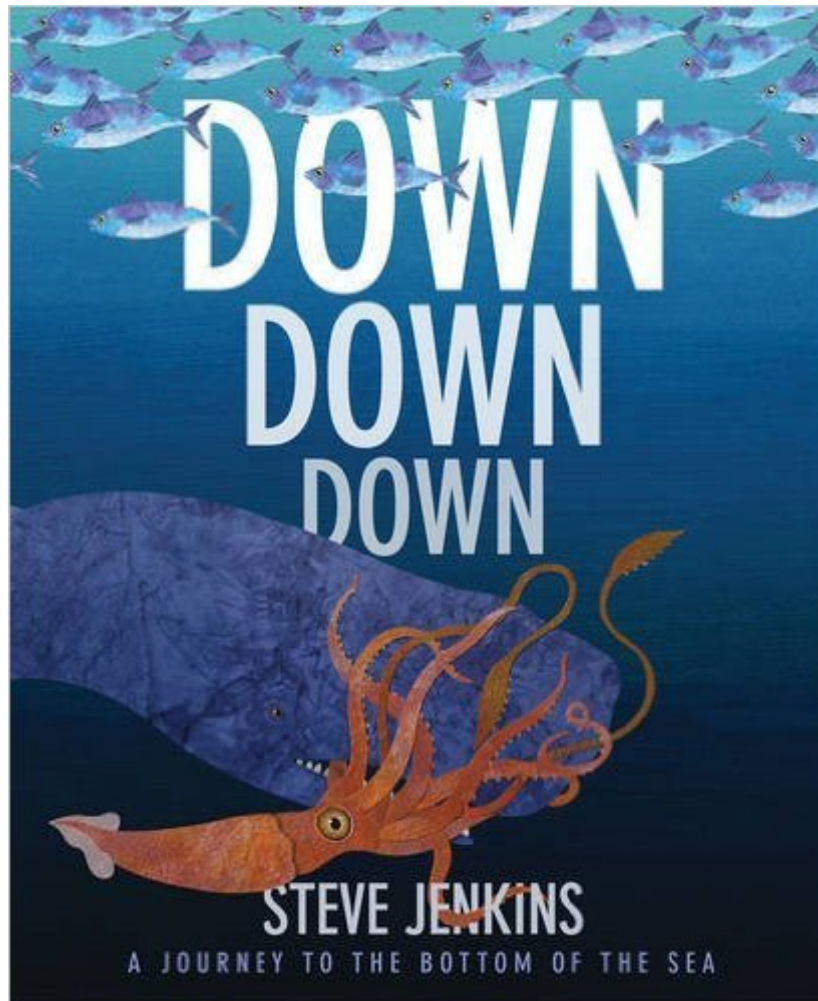


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Down, Down, Down: A Journey To The Bottom Of The Sea



Synopsis

Half the earth's surface is covered by water more than a mile deep, but most of this watery world is a mystery to us. In fact, more people have stood on the surface of the moon than have visited the deepest spot in the ocean. Come along as we travel down, down, down, from the surface to the bottom of the sea. Along the way you can see jellyfish that flash like a neon sign, creatures with teeth so big, they can't close their mouths, and even a squid as long as a bus, which battles to the death with a sperm whale, the largest predator on earth. It'll be a journey you won't soon forget! Award-winning author-illustrator Steve Jenkins delivers another masterful collection of fascinating facts and amazing art.

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Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh . . . you can hear the sound of waves crashing on the shore and can easily see many different forms of life at the surface, but have you ever wondered what lies deep beneath the ocean waves? Above the waters you can see an albatross searching for his lunch while the Portuguese man-of-war lingers on the surface of the water waiting for his. Every now and then "sea creatures sometimes leap from the water into the air." The great white shark, the flying squid, flying fish and the spinner dolphin break the surface letting us know their presence. Under the surface and down, down, down are many fish we have seen, but also many amazing creatures that

appear to come from a prehistoric era. In this book each page descends a bit further down toward the bottom of the ocean, talks about what you might see around you, the life forms you will encounter, the depth, the name of the zone and tells you many other interesting facts and vignettes like how the sperm whale battles with the giant squid "in total darkness." The deeper you go the more unusual the creatures become and the experience seems like something from a fantasy land. In the dark zone it even snows. When "marine snow" falls it might appear to be snow, but is actually "composed of dead plankton, fish scales, animal waste, and bits of larger creatures that have died in the waters above." Below it gets even stranger. Do you dare to go down even further? This is a marvelously fun book to read and browse. The reluctant reader and confident reader will both experience a WOW connection with this book.

When I was young, I wanted to be either a marine biologist or an astronaut. Alas, I spend my time looking at picture-books or reading sci-fi. Girls: you can be these things and there are tutors to help with those subjects you find difficult. Or go to the library and ask for books to help you. Don't be the one looking at the pictures and wishing!! LOVED the pictures in this book. Well done, dark and sometimes scary illustrations of beasts found where one wouldn't think life could exist. Life finds a way. Humans may not be able to withstand the pressures or the heat, but other beings have found that sulfur is edible! A good thing these beings exist to clean up after the surface dwellers and keep the ocean healthy for others. I think it is grand that where no light penetrates, the animals bring their own. What evolutionary changes would humans bring if they had to live at those depths? Okay, the book sent me on my own sci-fi. But I think that is what good science books should do. Keep us asking questions. The only thing I didn't like about the book was the fine print. The font throughout was so small I could only handle it in small doses. And though this would have been a favorite bedtime read for my kids and I so long ago, I can't imagine getting past the pictures. My children wouldn't have wanted to read the words as they had the same tracking problems I have had all my life. I would have had to read it to them. If you have something important to say beyond illustrations why make a person find a magnifying glass to read it? In the same section in the back, I found the comparison charts to be fascinating. The size of a human compared to the giant squid or sperm-whale absolutely intimidating, and AWESOME!

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