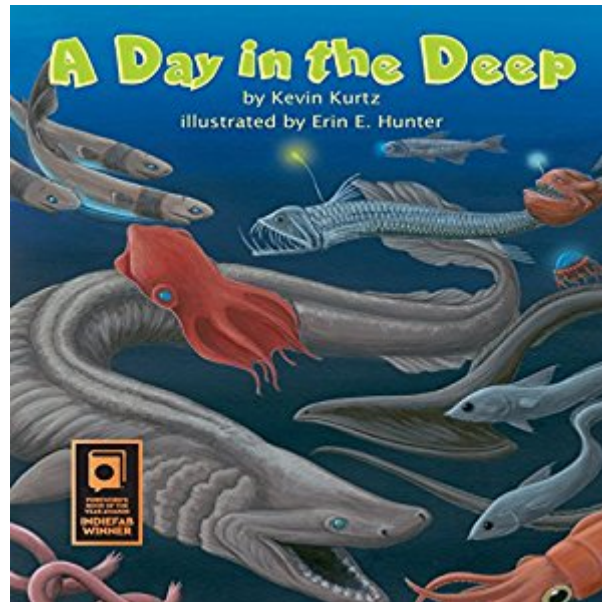




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A Day In The Deep



Synopsis

Travel deep into the ocean, way below the surface, and you'll encounter some creatures you never knew existed! This audiobook takes you on a journey through the dark depths of the sea toward the ocean floor. Most ecosystems need sunlight, but deep in the ocean, where the sun doesn't shine, animals have adapted some very interesting ways to see, protect themselves, and eat. Discover the unique habitats, adaptations, and food chains of these deep-sea creatures.

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Customer Reviews

A massive sperm whale swam deep in the ocean as other stranger than fiction animals swam alongside him. There were somehow lights in the dark waters that made them visible in the depths of the seas. Far above, "As you first dive into the ocean, / the sun is still shining bright. / Brown algae floats near the surface / and makes its own food from the light." If you look closely, you can see many creatures as they disguise themselves in the Sargassum seaweed. Five hundred feet below, there are "sharks with bellies that glow." Are there really such critters? Yes, and it seems the deeper down we go, the stranger they become. "One thousand feet below sea level, / a fish with protruding jaws / waits patiently in the darkness / with teeth like a raptor's claws." Watch out! A shrimp will soon be a tasty snack for the viperfish as he flashes a light protruding from a "spine attached to his back." Down, down, down, you go. Can anything be stranger than that viperfish? Once you read this book you'll know that there are some really strange creatures beneath the ocean waves! This is an amazingly well-written and illustrated book that will captivate the young audience. The artwork and the verse seem to contribute equally to the allure of this book. This story in rhyme is written with ballad stanzas (the 2nd and 4th lines rhyme). The full-color, full-page artwork is quite

stunning and will mesmerize the reader as they travel further and further down into the ocean. Confident readers should be able to tackle the material readily, but it will be of high interest to those much younger. In the back of the book are several activities, including some that can be downloaded and printed from the publisher's website. This would be an excellent book to read and discuss in the homeschool or classroom setting. Grades K - 5 This book courtesy of the publisher.

What is it like 4,500 feet below the surface of the ocean? And what kinds of creatures are there? In *A Day in the Deep*, author Kevin Kurtz will enable the reader to travel deep into the ocean way below the surface and encounter some animals hard to imagine. This book is a journey through the dark depths of the sea towards the ocean floor. Most ecosystems require sunlight, but deep in the ocean where the sun doesn't shine creatures have adapted some very interesting ways to see, protect themselves, and find food. Do you know the different zones of the deep ocean habitats and what strange animals live in which zone? The organisms featured in the rhyming text and nicely illustrated with the full-color, full-page artwork by Erin E. Hunter include Sargassum fish, cookiecutter sharks, viperfish, plankton, headlight fish, vampire squid, spookfish, marine snow, pelican eels, Atolla jellyfish, and anglerfish, among others. There are four pages of "For Creative Minds" information and activities in the back of the book: "Deep Ocean Habitats," "Match the Animal to its Life Zone," "Glowing in the Dark," and "Living Under Pressure." There are more free learning activities available at the publisher's website. Kids will enjoy discovering the unique habitats, adaptations, and food chains of these deep-sea creatures. Two similar books by Kurtz, an environmental educator and curriculum writer, are *A Day in the Salt Marsh* and *A Day on the Mountain*.

The first time I read this book to my kids, I didn't really like it. But my kids did. So we read it again. And again. And about 20 more times after that. I found that I liked it better each time. For the most part, The rhyming text flows easily. The illustrations are highly detailed and accurately depict the sea life described. It was interesting to learn about the different depths of the ocean and find out what animals live at certain levels. There were two things that I felt could have been better. The first is that some of the illustrations didn't plan for the gutter very well and fish heads got stuck in the fold of the book, which made it kind of difficult to see all the nicely rendered details. The second is that I felt like some information was sacrificed for the sake of the rhyme. I would have preferred a non-rhyming book so that we could have gotten more facts about the animals. That being said, my kids and I really enjoyed our trip(s) into the deep and I look forward to more non-fiction books from

this author and publisher.

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