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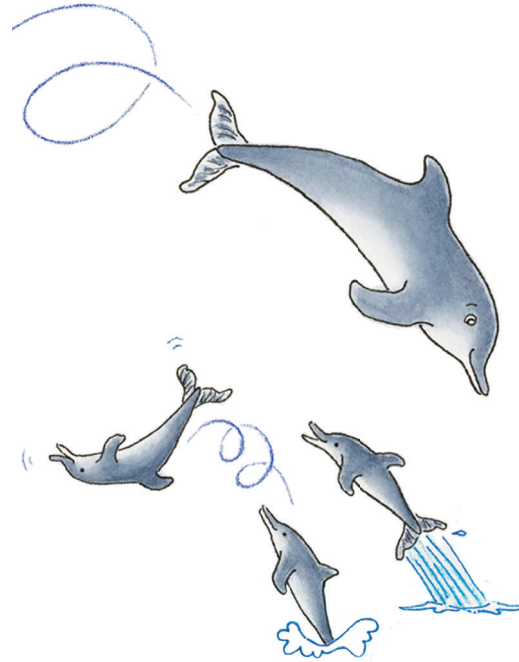
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Bold lettering is used throughout the book to suggest what syllables to emphasize while reading aloud.

To the Wild Spinner Dolphins of Hawai'i

This book is dedicated to you, the magnificent creatures of the sea who have taught us so much about what it means to live in harmony with nature and with each other. Your grace, intelligence, and playful spirit have inspired us and raised our expectations for what it means to be human.

You have shown us that living symbiotically with nature on this planet is not only possible, but preferable – full of richness, freedom and quality time.

Your presence in the waters around Hawai'i has brought joy and wonder to countless people, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share your world.

May we always strive to protect and preserve your ocean home and gentle culture.

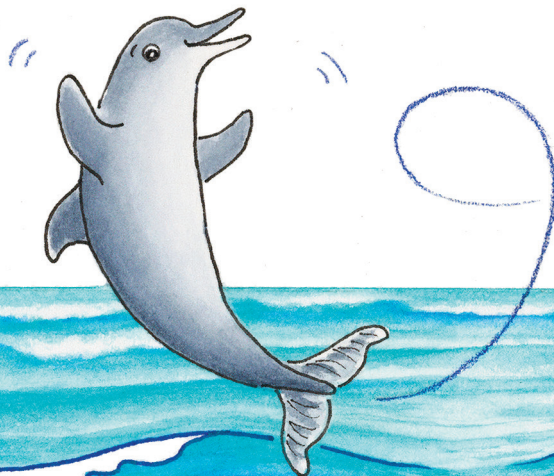
With Aloha in our hearts (love and respect),

Vyana and Patricia

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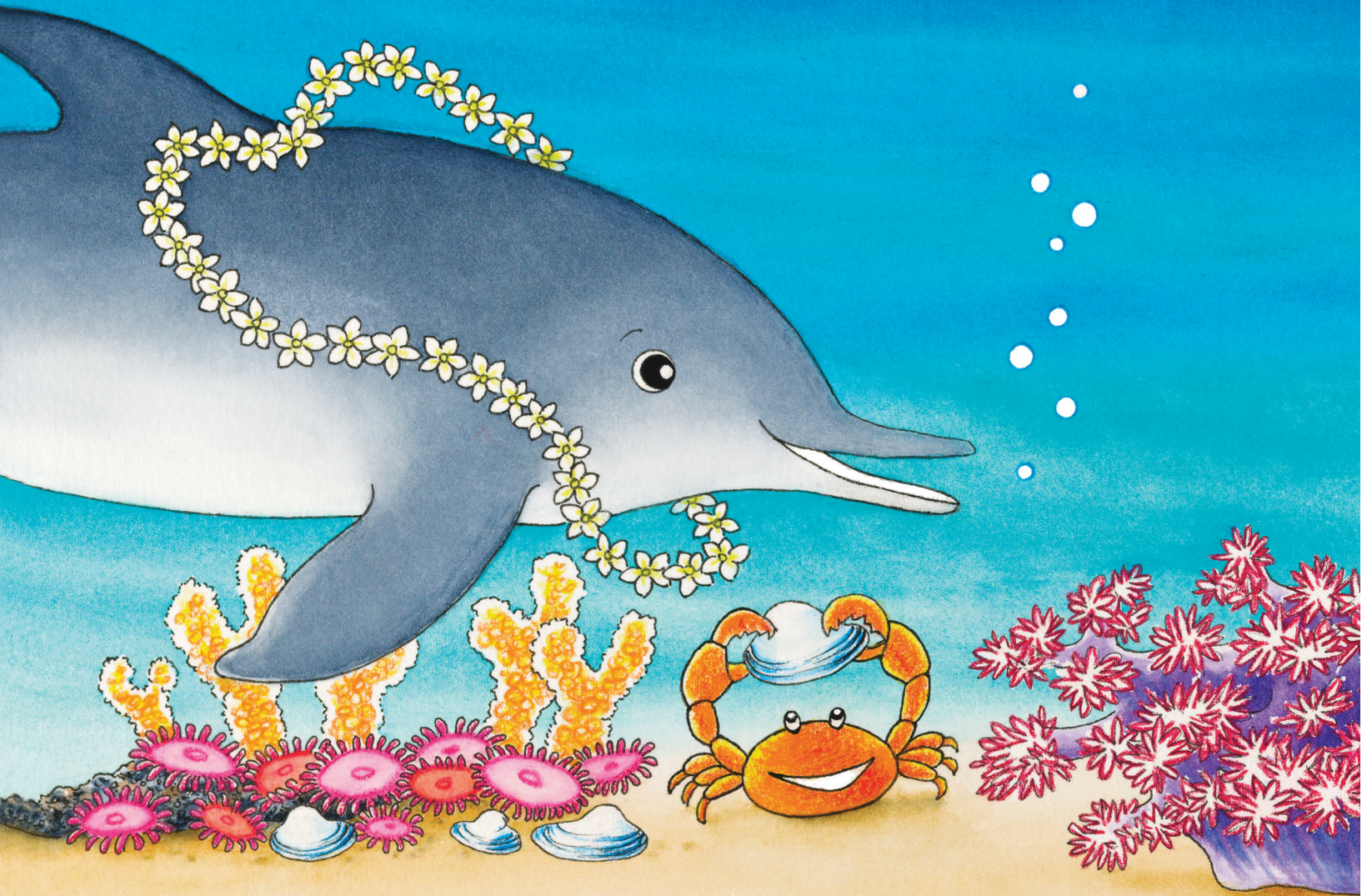
Joel Marrant, beloved editor

Adriane Wacker, art teacher and daughter-in-law
Mabel, Beatrice and Lucille Wacker, grandchildren,
who love to PLAY.



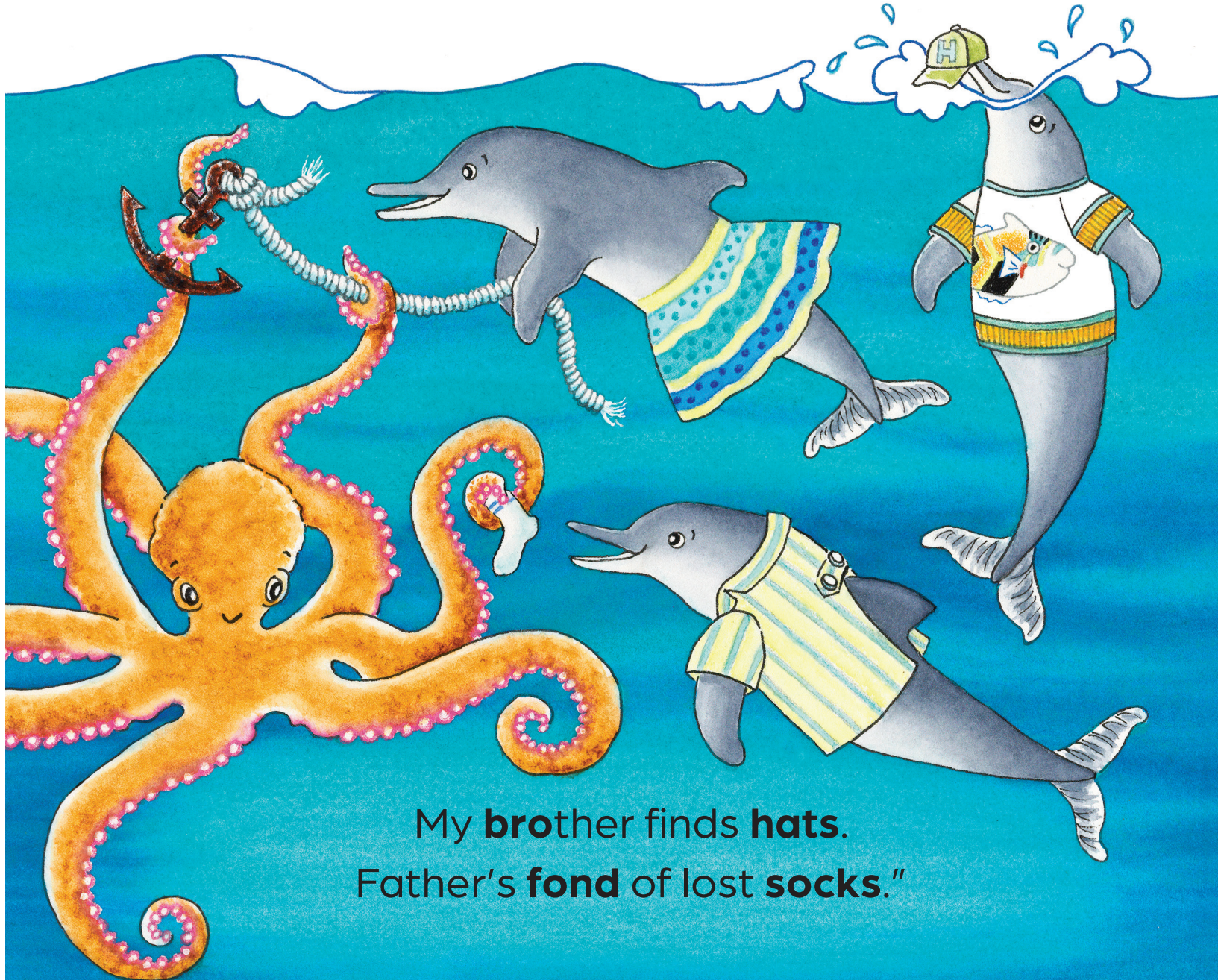
So the **dolphins** got **started**
wearing **clothes** just for **fun**,
trying to **look** like the **fishies**
colored **bright** as the **sun**!



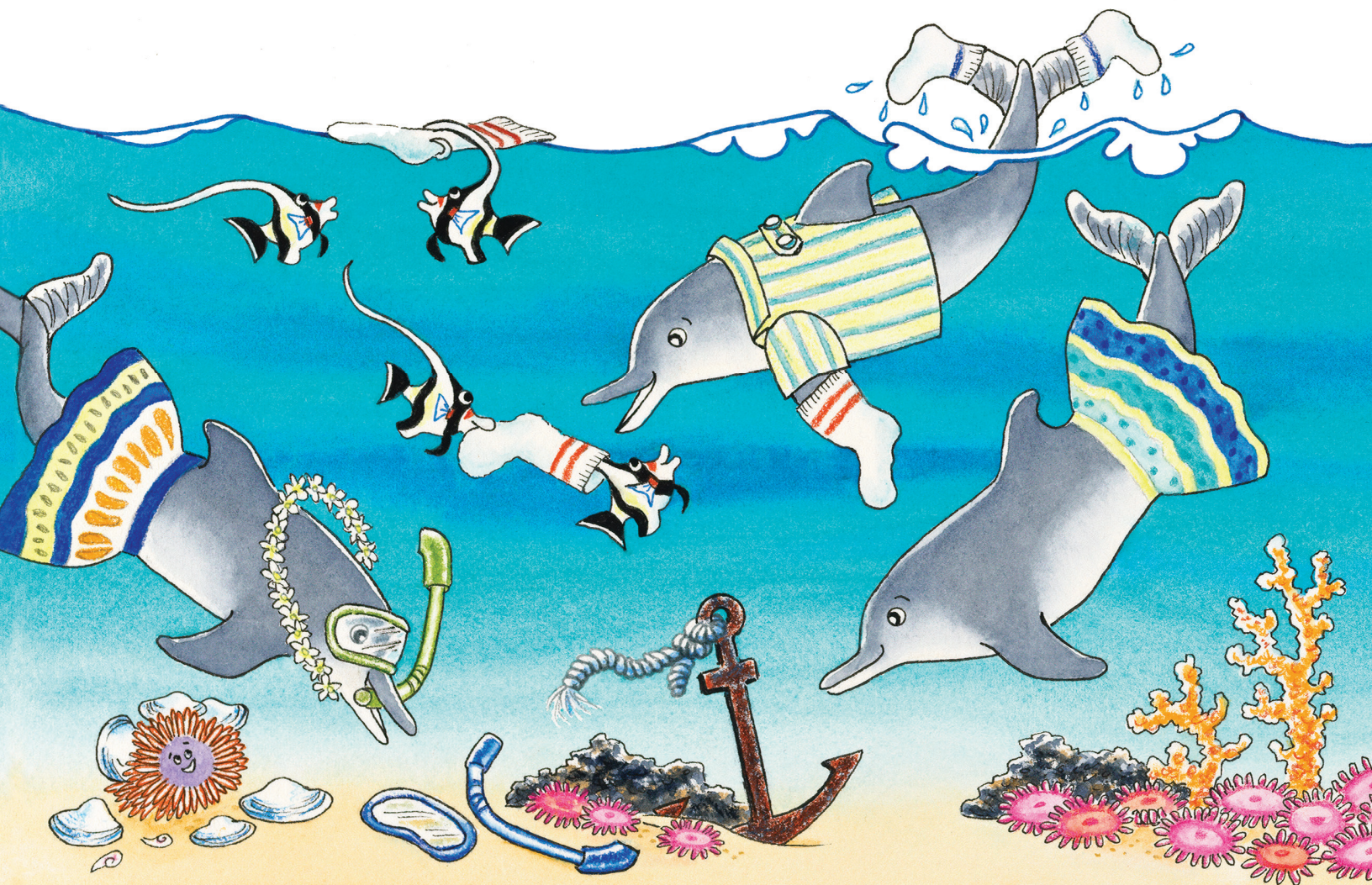


She met **Archie** the **urchin**,
(a **pointy** cream **puff**)
and asked, "**WHY** in the **SEA**
are you **covered** with **stuff**?"

My **sister**, Kailani,
looks for **anchors** on **rocks**.



My **brother** finds **hats**.
Father's **fond** of lost **socks**."



"Well **why** not **collect** them?"
said **Archie** with **glee**,
"I **love** to just **sit** here
with **stuff** stuck on **me**!"



From the Artist

I love colors and capturing the play of light and shadow in my paintings and drawings. I have always lived close to the ocean and take every chance I can to visit the beaches of my native Oregon and Hawaii, breathing in the vibrant beauty where land and ocean meet. I recognize that stories are being told in the lives we see, and strive to represent them respectfully, in both the subtle details and the real (if fancifully portrayed) connections among living things. It was a delight for me to collaborate with Vyana on the fulfillment of a life-long dream: to illustrate a children's book! I felt such joy to hear my youngest granddaughter Luci exclaim, "Grandma, this book is about PLAY!!"

I have learned so much from Destiny and her family during the year-long journey drawing and painting thirty-two pages to accompany the story about the communities within which the spinner dolphins live their remarkable lives! Along with the dolphins, Octavia the octopus, Archie the urchin, Rufus the eel, and the others have emerged from Vyana's fertile imagination to embody the amazing diversity of life— and ways of living—in the coastal waters of Hawai'i.

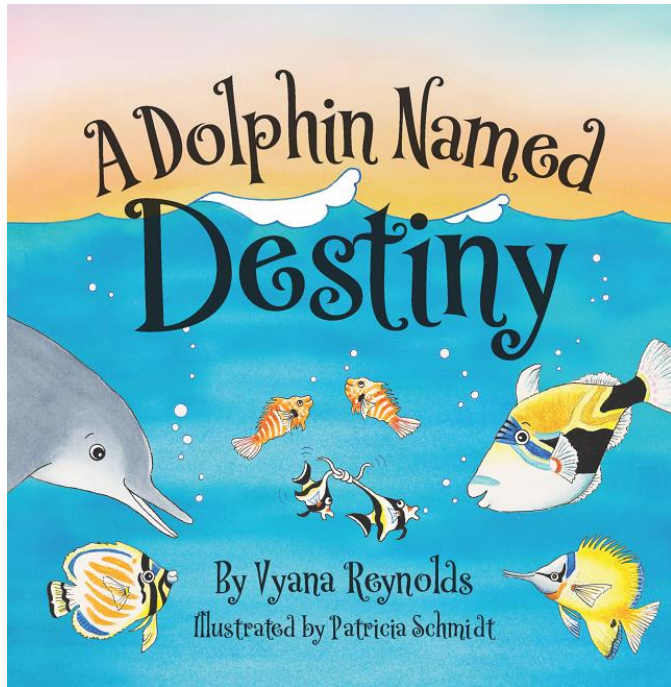
Every painting in our book is filled with the spirit of aloha expressing our kinship with the creatures with whom we share this planet, each species practicing its own unique pono.

May the children who read this book with their loved ones be inspired to engage our sea-dwelling sisters and brothers with ever-deepening respect and compassion!

Patricia

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