

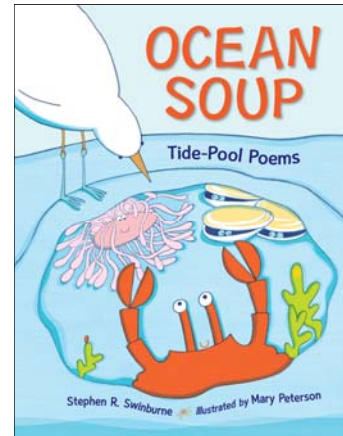


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OCEAN SOUP

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Tide pools are home to a wondrous and diverse collection of creatures. In funny poems and lyrics—including a rapping barnacle—author Stephen R. Swinburne introduces young readers to the many different creatures who cling to the rocks, bury themselves in the sand, and crawl or swim around in the shallows and the little pools left when the ocean's tide rolls out. Share a meal of plants and small animals with Doris, the lovely sea slug who finds food with her prickly tongue. Cozy up to a little shrimp with Old, Cold Fish. Be careful of the snapping crabs, because you cannot regenerate your arms like the starfish can. Meet many other inhabitants of the mysterious world of the tide pool in these charming—and repeatable—poems.

A secondary layer of factual text and a glossary of terms provide further information about the tide pools of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Perfect for use in the classroom, *Ocean Soup* also introduces the theme of conservation and environmental awareness.

Mary Peterson's delightful illustrations introduce all the players in bright, bold colors with expressive charm.

Stephen R. Swinburne is a former park ranger and the author of many nonfiction books for children, including *Wings of Light: The Migration of the Yellow Butterfly* (Boyd's Mills), *Turtle Tide* (Boyd's Mills), and *Black Bear: North America's Bear* (Boyd's Mills). He lives in South Londonderry, Vermont, with his family. Visit him at www.steveswinburne.com.

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