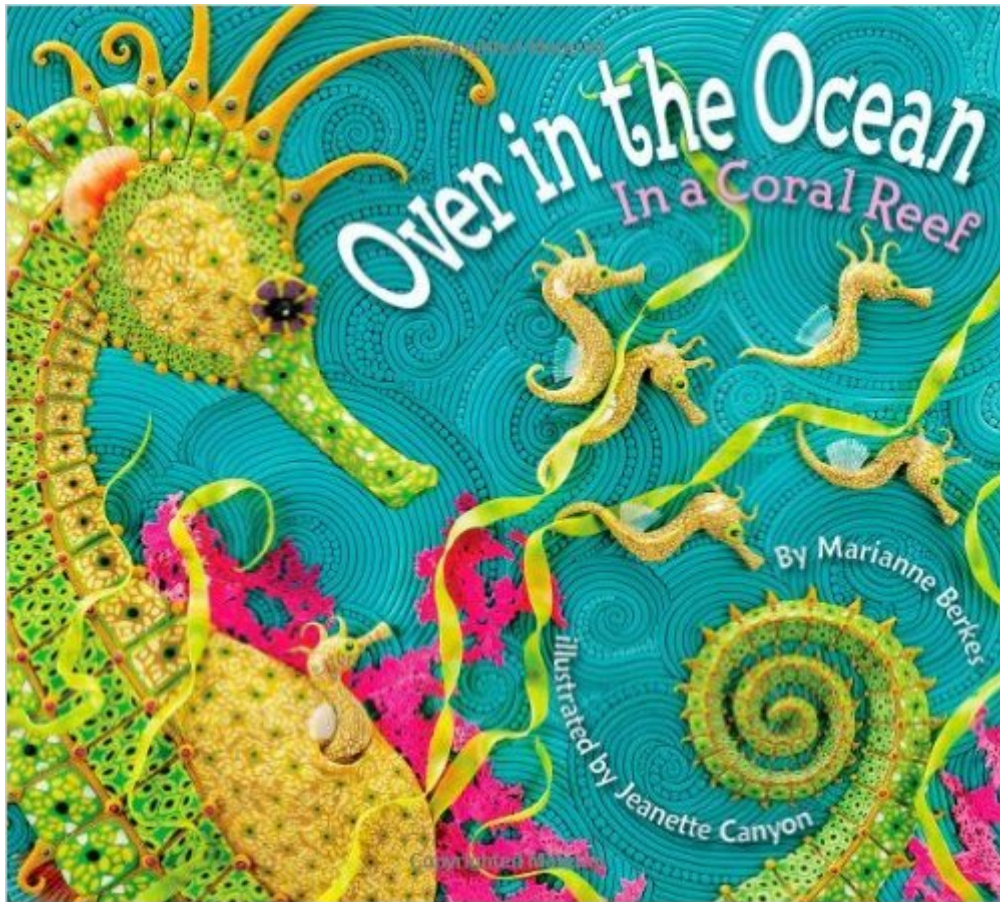


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# Over In The Ocean: In A Coral Reef



## Synopsis

Teachers and parents, take note: this book is already a classic. Two geniuses--author and illustrator--came into perfect alignment to create this book. The author has kids thinking it is entertainment while adults think it is a great lesson about the ocean. The genius of the illustrator is obvious. With painstaking detail each illustration is created entirely of polymer clay, then photographed, creating a 3-D impression of tremendous vitality. Kids will sing, clap, and count their way among pufferfish that puff, gruntfish that grunt and seahorses that flutter, and begin to appreciate life in the ocean. And the art will inspire many a project. Plus there are several pages of extension ideas for curriculum and art projects as well as resources on the web and elsewhere. Please note: The board book edition is 28 pages. It includes suggestions for children to do body movements as the text is read. It does not include additional information about the animals, rainforests, and the score of the song as is in the hardback and paperback editions.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

---A book that would serve as an enriching literature unit as well as a wonderful gift---This book consists of 11 verses of engaging rhyme in the same form as "Over in the Meadow", using fish and other sea animals instead of meadow animals. A new sea creature is introduced on every 2-page

spread in quantities from 1 to 10. For example, for the number "2": Over in the ocean Where the sea grasses grew Lived a mother parrotfish And her parrotfish two. "Grind," said the mother. "We grind," said the two. So they ground on the coral Where the sea grasses grew." And so it goes for each number, 1 through 10, with every verse starting with, "Over in the ocean...." The eleventh verse is a wrap-up where the reader has to find all 55 young animals in the 2-page spread (1 octopus, 2 parrotfish, 3 clownfish and so on), similar to the I Spy books. Some of the supplemental features after the rhyme: \* the rhyme printed with the music, sung to the tune of "Over in the Meadow" \* information about each of the coral reef animals in the book \* hand motions that may be used for each of the verses (e.g., for the needlefish "skitter": put arms way out straight, then separate arms and wiggle fingers in a skittering motion) \* description of the artwork by the artist The artwork is excellent -- aesthetically pleasing and very creative! The artist used polymer clay with various tools to shape all the scenery and animals onto a board. Then, "to create the two-dimensional illustrations for a book, the reliefs are photographed (with careful attention to lighting)." I, as well as my children, enjoy looking at the artwork, trying to guess how it was done. This is the artist's first book; I certainly hope she does more! This book can be used as a launching-off point to teach 2- to 7-year-olds in more than one subject: \* The younger ones (ages 2-4) can learn their numbers and counting. \* The older ones can use this for memory work. A large class of 5- to 7-year-olds could team up in pairs; each pair could memorize a verse of the rhyme. \* It could be used to introduce a unit on : sea creatures, coral reefs, or ocean life. \* It could be used to introduce an art unit on clay. \* It could be used as the spine of a literature unit with all of the above as additional activities. This could be part of a gift set to a young child, accompanied by some toy sea animals and/or a book about ocean life (or coral reefs or sea animals). The 10 kinds of animals appearing in the rhyme are: octopus, parrotfish, clownfish, stingrays, pufferfish, dolphins, angelfish, needlefish, gruntfish, seahorses. My 5-year-old reads our library copy over and over. I look forward to having our own copy of this book, which will be a keeper in our home.

My daughters and I enjoy everything about this book from the amazing clay-created illustrations to the singable, educational copy. After borrowing it from the library a number of times (our tried-and-true test for finding good books) we decided to purchase it. It is a perfect book for preschool kids as it reinforces number recognition, introduces unusual ocean life through playful rhymes, and, very importantly, tells them again that playing with clay or playdough is a fabulous creative activity!

the artistry of this book is unsurpassed. the rhyming is cute and fun to recite. the counting aspect is educational and fun. love this book... and so do my 4 and 2 year olds.

Cute story and lovely artwork: reason for 3 stars is the material of the book. It is not a sturdy hard book, it is like a thick magazine. The material makes it hard to keep the book open and appreciate the fun artwork. Would recommend but only if your okay with a book that doesn't easily stay open.

My son loves this book and the tune that goes along with it! The artwork in this book is absolutely stunning. It is really memorable to have a book that has a song that goes along with it. I highly recommend for beginner readers!! It does counting, music, and reading all in one. We love this book!

I don't sing the song - I just read the book and its great. The book is wonderfully illustrated and introduces a lot of interesting animals that can be studied in a unit on the coral reef. Overall, I am very happy that I found this book.

Over in the Ocean is another of the series of books by Marianne Berkes and Jeanette Canyon. Each uses the format of "Over in the Meadow" to tell the story of the animals in different habitats. Each story connects parent animals with their babies beginning with number 1 continuing to 10. The story uses rhythm and rhyme to tell about the animals and the region in which they live.

Every teacher needs this book. It's not just for young grades who are learning to count, but for older grades who are learning about organisms, habitats, and the animal kingdom!! It is so chalk full of information! The opportunities to use it in the classroom abound! The illustrations are amazing! The song is wonderful, and easy for children to learn, not to mention that it is a melody that many children already know. The best buy!

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