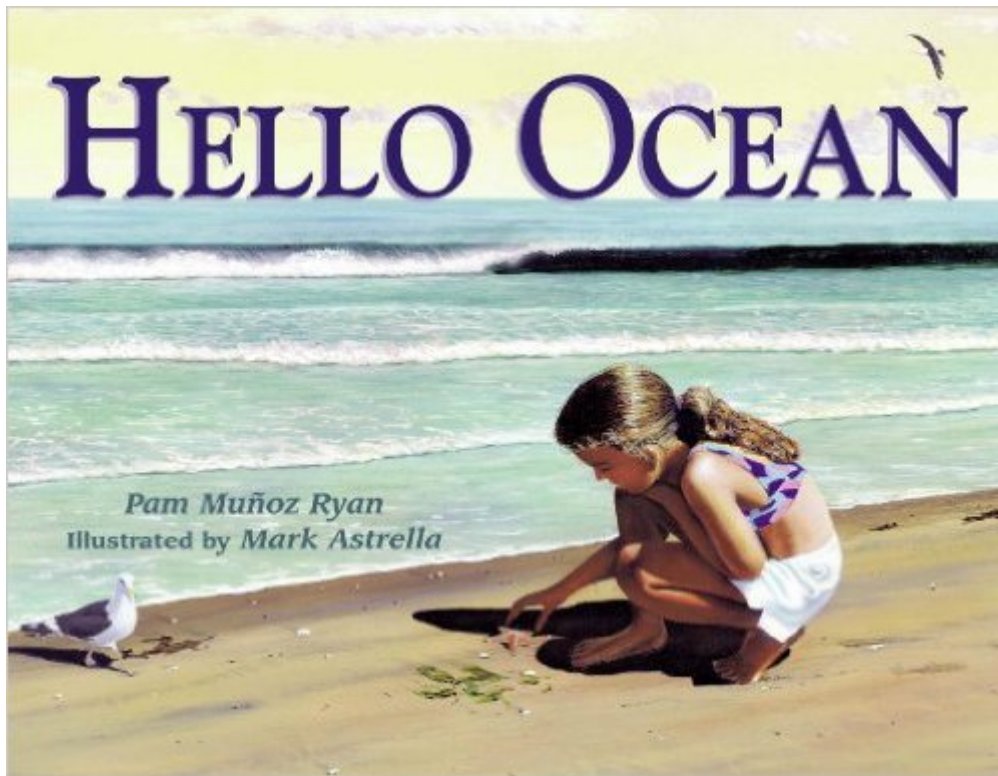


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# Hello Ocean



## Synopsis

"Hello, ocean, my old best friend." Relive a day at the beach with this lovely book of memories. You can almost feel the salt spray on your face and smell the musky scent of ocean in the cool morning air. Remember how the sand squishes between your toes as the tide rushes to shore and taste the tang of the ocean on your lips. HELLO OCEAN is a joy-filled and playful poem about the draw of the shore and the effect the ocean has on all five senses. Spirited language evokes a sense of closeness and nostalgia for an old friend. The inspiration of the ocean will make learning the five senses as easy as a day at the beach. Crisp, realistic illustrations fill the pages with the rush of surf and the warmth of sun-baked sand. The sights and smells and sensations of the ocean become vividly clear in these beautifully rendered paintings.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

This is the book (among others) I always give away at 1 and 2 year old birthday parties. I also gave it to my 4.5 year old nephew (who is developmentally delayed - he does not speak) and it turned out to be his favorite among the ones I gave him. My 2 year old memorized the words and used to ask for it every night before bed. The illustrations are so realistic and beautiful. The pictures look like painted photographs and capture the beauty of a day at the beach. It's like visiting the ocean every time you

open it. Whenever I am at the bookstore, I take it off the shelf and leave it out on display so people can see it. That is how I found it.

This is a delightful book in so many ways. The sea, or ocean, as seen through the eyes, ears, nose, taste and feel of a little girl; a child, which is probably the best way to view anything in nature, i.e. through a child's perception. Children see so much more than most adults. This is part of the wonder of this book, as it takes you back to the time when you were this little girl's age. The illustrations are wonderfully done (it is difficult to distinguish some of the art from actual photographs) and fits the text perfectly. There has been much research put into this book and there are an amazing amount of facts given in just a few pages. This is a great one to read to the class as it gives plenty of opportunity on each page for discussion. It is also a great one for the children to just browse through; something I see all the time in class during their free reading time. This is a book that should be in all school libraries, and indeed, your children's library at home. Highly recommend this one.

This wonderful picture book of a day at the ocean is mesmerizing. Reminding me of my childhood with my family in New England...the illustrations captured the feeling with such emotion, they look identical to loving photographs. Any child reading this book or having it read to them, will be in awe of their day at the ocean...or at least imagining their day at the ocean..

I received my copy when I purchased the Mother Goose preschool curriculum to homeschool my daughter. This book has quickly become her new favorite. She remembers the beach vacation we took in the summer and she particularly loves spotting the seagulls, having seen Finding Nemo recently. As the one who reads it to her every night, I like that it has few words on each page and gorgeous, realistic illustrations. It should definitely hold the beach-loving youngster's attention. I highly recommend it.

I think this is a lovely, well written book. My daughter is now in love with this book. Being military, we were moved from the Gulf Coast of Florida (we were only 3 miles away from beautiful beaches) to the land locked state of Colorado (now don't get all upset, the mountains are beautiful, too). She asks daily to go to the beach. We read this book over and over again. She recalls all the wonderful times she had at the beach. I think it is helping her transition a bit. She even has most of the book memorized (she is under 3), we have read it so much. I would recommend this book to those

people, who love the ocean and want to take a little of that beach experience home with them. As for the accusation that this book is somehow gender biased, because the main character happens to be a girl! Ha, ha, ha!!! The book has nothing to do with gender and everything to do with the beach. If my daughter couldn't relate to boys in books, then there would be a very short list of books she could enjoy. Most books have males as main characters, and we expect everyone to relate to them, because it isn't supposed to be about gender. I think this claim is ridiculous and should be ignored! In fact, I am purchasing us the hard cover version right now, and I intend to send the paperback to my nephews, because they love the beach as much as my daughter! Gender bias! Ha ha ha!

I picked up this book because of my love for the ocean and because the little girl on the cover resembled my granddaughter. It did take a few pages for me to realize that "the 5 of us" referred to the five senses, but other than that the story of the ocean is timeless and sweet. And yes, the little girl resembles my granddaughter, and maybe that's why I think the girl's facial expressions are so delightful and true-to-life. The artist, Mark Astrella, is very observant in a photographic sort of way and the reality of the pictures makes the book seem even more real.

My two year old son LOVES this book! I bought this book for him while on vacation at the shore. I also purchased some shells, sand dollars and starfish at a gift shop. He loves the rhymes and the pictures. He enjoys putting his shells and other items on the pictures that match. A wonderful book! I highly recommend it!

The gorgeous illustrations are what really made me give this book 5 stars. The rhyming text is unique and interesting, using vocabulary that will enrich and expand your lexicon. We read this book to my son for a few weeks before our first trip to the beach, and I think it helped to prepare him for what he would experience there.

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