



If a Dolphin Were a Fish

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Join Delfina the dolphin.....

as she imagines that she becomes other animals in *If a Dolphin Were a Fish*. Readers will watch Delfina become a fish with gills, a sea turtle laying eggs, a pelican with feathers, an octopus without bones, a shark with a sense of smell and even a vegetarian manatee. The incredible "morphing" illustrations will have children laughing as they learn about the real differences between these animals!



If a Dolphin Were a Fish was vetted for scientific accuracy by the Education Department of SeaWorld. Children, parents, and teachers will love the educational **"For Creative Minds"** educational section that includes:

- Information on the dolphin family and mammal characteristics
- Dolphin Fun Facts
- A Dolphin Coloring Craft

There are also **"Related Websites"** and **"Teaching Activities"** on Sylvan Dell Publishing's website, www.SylvanDellPublishing.com, to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

About the Author and Illustrator



Loran Wlodarski is a science writer. He has written five books, and he has been published in *Grolier's Encyclopedia for Children* and *The Marine Mammal Encyclopedia*. Sylvan Dell publishes his book, *Felina's New Home: A Florida Panther Story*. He has served as a scientific consultant for *Ask Magazine*, Random House Books, "Animal Planet," "Ripley's Believe It Or Not," and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." Loran has raised animals his entire life. One of his early jobs at SeaWorld was to raise some of their animals—newly hatched sharks, macaws, turtles, tropical fish, and iguanas. Loran lives in Florida.



Laurie Allen Klein has been a freelance artist for nearly twenty years. Over the last several years, she has worked as the on-staff artist for the Education Department at SeaWorld Orlando. It was there that she met author Loran Wlodarski. At SeaWorld, Laurie does everything from painting life-size sea animal murals to illustrating children's activity books. Laurie also illustrated *Where Should Turtle Be?* and *Little Skink's Tail* for Sylvan Dell. She illustrated *If a Dolphin Were a Fish* using colored pencils.



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