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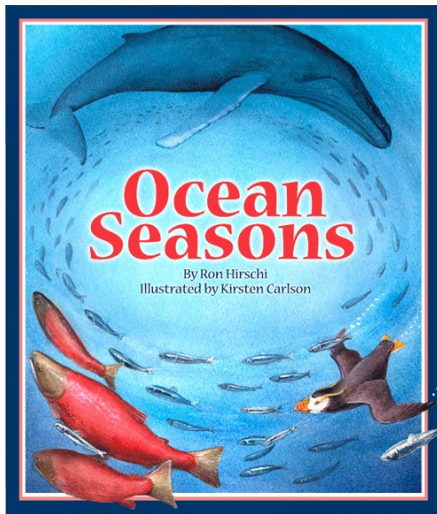
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“The kingdom under the sea is a fascinating topic and will certainly lead to more discussion and discovery by readers. Parents and teachers will love the educational supplement in the index that continues on the principles introduced in the story.”- *Mom Central*

Seasons Change in the ocean...

much as they do on land. Spring brings new plants and baby animals, summer oceans are aglow with sparkly plankton lights, and autumn winds blow across the open water. In winter the humpback whales migrate to warmer waters, just as some land animals move to warmer climates. In fun, fanciful form, *Ocean Seasons* children learn about plants and animals that are joined through the mix of seasons, food webs and habitats beneath the waves. While set in the Pacific, similar changes occur in the Atlantic too!



Thanks to Dr. Thomas C. Eagle, Fishery Biologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA and Rita Bell, Education Programs Manager at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for verifying the accuracy of the information in this book. Children, parents, and teachers, will love the five-page “**For Creative Minds**” educational section, which includes:

- A comparison of ocean seasons to land seasons
- An “Ocean Food Web” information and card game
- Humpback whale migration information

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

About the Author and Illustrator

Biologist and author **Ron Hirschi** lives on a small island in western Washington. Ron has written more than 50 children's books, some of which have been listed as Best Science Trade Books of the Year and have won the John Burroughs Nature Book Award. In addition to writing, Ron enjoys working directly with children and takes them outside to study wildlife during his many school visits. It was on a trip to the beach with a group of elementary students that he got the idea for this book!



Kirsten Carlson lives in the Seattle, WA, area and grew up in Missouri. After earning a masters in marine biology, Kirsten realized that communicating the beauty and wonder of the natural world to others was more important to her than doing research. Now, she combines her love of science and art as a scientific illustrator. Formerly a web, print and exhibit designer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Kirsten has illustrated two books for Sylvan Dell Publishing: *Ocean Seasons* and *The Giraffe Who Was Afraid of Heights*.



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