

Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean

By Gail Langer Karwoski

Illustrated by Connie McLennan

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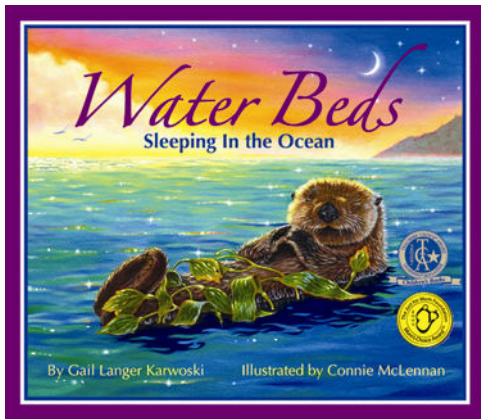
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"Sleeping in the Ocean is an educational and interesting story for children. It answers the important, yet seldom-thought-of questions about marine mammals' sleep habits. It's actually something that as an adult, I hadn't thought about, and found fascinating." - *Armchair Interviews*

"In concept and substance it is a smart book that successfully bridges a child's imagination and growing understanding of the physical world." - *Foreword Magazine*

"Fascinating facts about how marine mammals sleep in their ocean home are gently shared with the reader as they are taken on a drift dive through the night sea in the wonderful illustrations by Connie McLennan. A perfect bedtime story, this book is recommended for 2 - 8 year olds, but don't let that guide you - the story was completely enjoyable to my 8 and 11-year old children, as well as to me (not telling my age)!" - *About Single Parents*

A soothing bedtime story....

Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean answers the question of how marine mammals—animals that live in water but breathe air—manage to sleep in the ocean. Young readers meet ten marine mammals, including sea otters, bottlenose dolphins, manatees, and harbor seals and learn about their unique habits. Although the brief portraits are based on up-to-date scientific research, author Gail Langer Karwoski weaves the facts into simple, poetic language, and Connie McLennan's rich oil paintings capture the ocean's habitats and its appealing creatures.

Water Beds invites children to drift into sleep on gentle waves of imagination.



Water Beds has been vetted for scientific accuracy by SeaWorld. Children, parents and teachers will love the "For Creative Minds" educational section that includes:

- Fun facts about mammals
- Teaching trivia about how marine mammals adapt to their habitat
- A "Design-Your-Own-Marine-Mammal" 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!

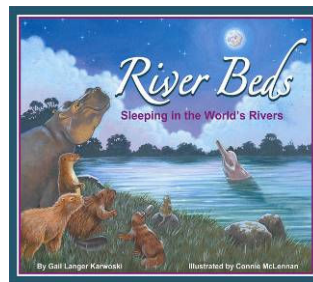
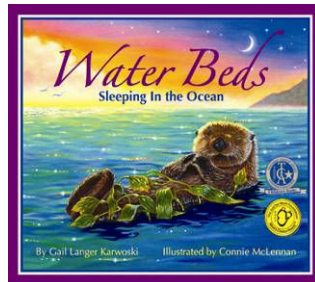
Also check out the 2008 sequel, ***River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers!***

About the Author and Illustrator

Gail Langer Karwoski is an award-winning children's book writer. She was inspired to write *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean* because marine mammals and their sleeping habits have always fascinated her. In the context of a comforting bedtime story, she wanted young listeners to learn what marine mammals are and how these amazing animals have adapted to their watery homes. Gail has also written *Julie the Rockhound* and *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers* for Sylvan Dell, as well as six other books for young readers, including *Tsunami: The True Story of an April Fool's Day Disaster* and *Quake! Disaster in San Francisco, 1905*. Gail and her husband live near the University of Georgia and have two bossy cats and two grown daughters. To learn more about Gail, visit her Web site, www.gailkarwoski.com.



Connie McLennan has been a successful freelance artist for almost 25 years since attending the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. In addition to illustrating *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers*, *The Rainforest Grew All Around*, *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean* and *Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud* for Sylvan Dell, she also illustrated *The Wishing Tree* and *Domitila*. Connie has illustrated numerous textbooks and has provided illustrations for children's books and magazines for Harcourt; Holt, Reinhart & Winston; Scott Foresman; Scholastic; and Weekly Reader. In addition to her various illustrations, Connie has done numerous advertising projects. Connie lives with her husband and teenage son to northern California. To learn more about Connie, visit her Web site, <http://www.conniemclennan.com/>.



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