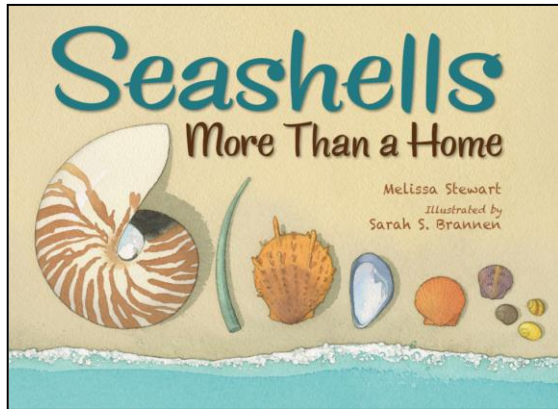




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Seashells: More Than a Home

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About the Book

Seashells are more than a protective covering for clams, scallops, sea snails, and other ocean mollusks. They can also glide like a butterfly, hold steady like an anchor, pry like a crowbar, or even send out warnings like a lighthouse. *Seashells: More than a Home* introduces budding naturalists to thirteen amazing mollusks, from the clever

clusterwink to the secretive thorny oyster, and describes the surprising ways their shells help them survive.

Reading Aloud Tip

Seashells: More Than a Home features two kinds of text. When sharing the book with young children, read the large main text first. Then you can fill in details from the secondary text as appropriate. You may wish to re-read the main text before turning the page.

You could also share just a few of the spreads in their entirety. For example, you could choose mollusks that live in your area or that you think will be especially interesting to your students.

Before You Read

- Invite children to share what they think the book will be about.
- Ask them to describe a seashell. How do they think a seashell helps the animal that made it survive?

After You Read

Work with the children to make a list of the ways mollusks use their shells. Then ask them to draw a picture showing one use that surprises them.