



Tanja Kinkel  
**The Whale and the Girl**

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**The poetic story of a special friendship by bestselling author Tanja Kinkel.**

The little whale is fed up with following the others. He also wants to get to know the parts of the ocean that glitter mysteriously. Happily, he swims into the bright water – but suddenly something scratches his belly and in the next second he feels so heavy that he can hardly breathe. That's when he meets the girl Maria at the beach. Maria, who is afraid of the ocean but wants to find out why others like it so much. Will Maria be able to help the whale back into the ocean and the whale Maria to overcome her fear?



## Creative People:



**Author:** Tanja Kinkel, born in 1969, wrote her first novel at the age of 19. Today, the native Bamberger is one of the most successful authors of historical fiction. Her books have been translated into more than a dozen languages. In 1992 she founded the Children's Aid Organisation "Brot und Bücher e.V."



**Illustrator:** Giuliano Ferri, born in 1965, is a graduate of the art academy in Urbino, Italy. During his studies, he had specialised in animation, but has been successfully working as an illustrator of children's books for several years now. He lives with his wife Monika and his three children in his Italian home town Pesaro.

