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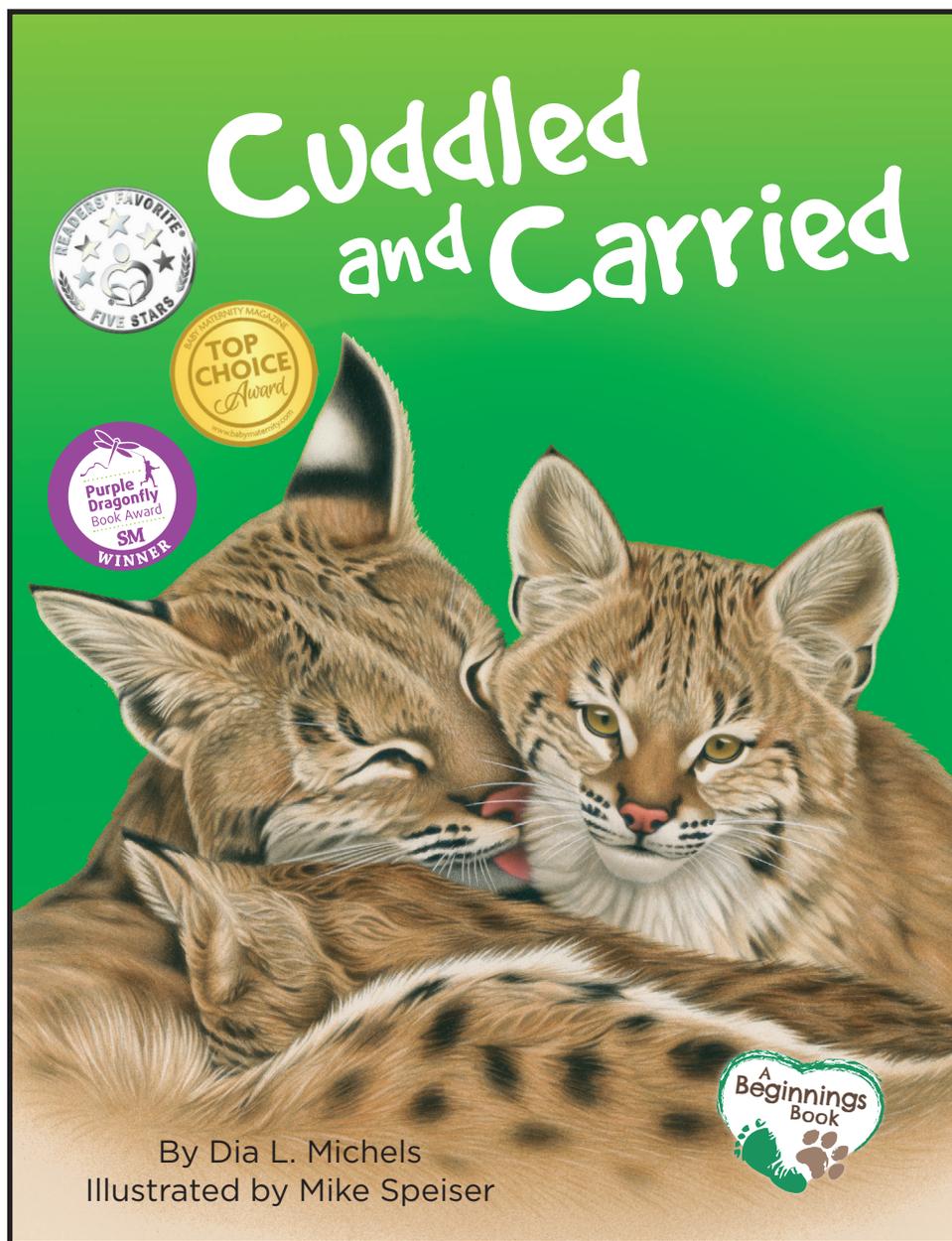
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Dear Reader,

We're excited to introduce you to this wonderful book about animals, part of our Beginnings collection.

Scientific curiosity begins in childhood. Exposure to animals and their environments—whether in nature or in a book—is often at the root of a child's interest in science. Young Jane Goodall loved to observe the wildlife near her home, a passion that inspired her groundbreaking chimpanzee research. Charles Turner, pioneering entomologist, spent hours reading about ants and other insects in the pages of his father's books. Marine biologist, author, and conservationist Rachel Carson began writing stories about squirrels when she was eight. Spark curiosity in a child and watch them develop a lifelong enthusiasm for learning.

These beautifully illustrated, information-packed titles introduce youngsters to the fascinating world of animals, and, by extension, to themselves. They encourage children to make real-world connections that sharpen their analytical skills and give them a head start in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Reading these titles together inspires children to think about how each species matures, what they need to survive, and what their communities look like—whether pride, flock, or family.

More than a simple scientific introduction, these animal stories illustrate and explore caring love across the mammal class. Showing children this type of attachment in the natural world fosters empathy, kindness, and compassion in both their interpersonal and interspecies interactions.

An easy choice for the home, library, or classroom, our Beginnings collection has something to spark or sustain budding curiosity in any child.

Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dia".

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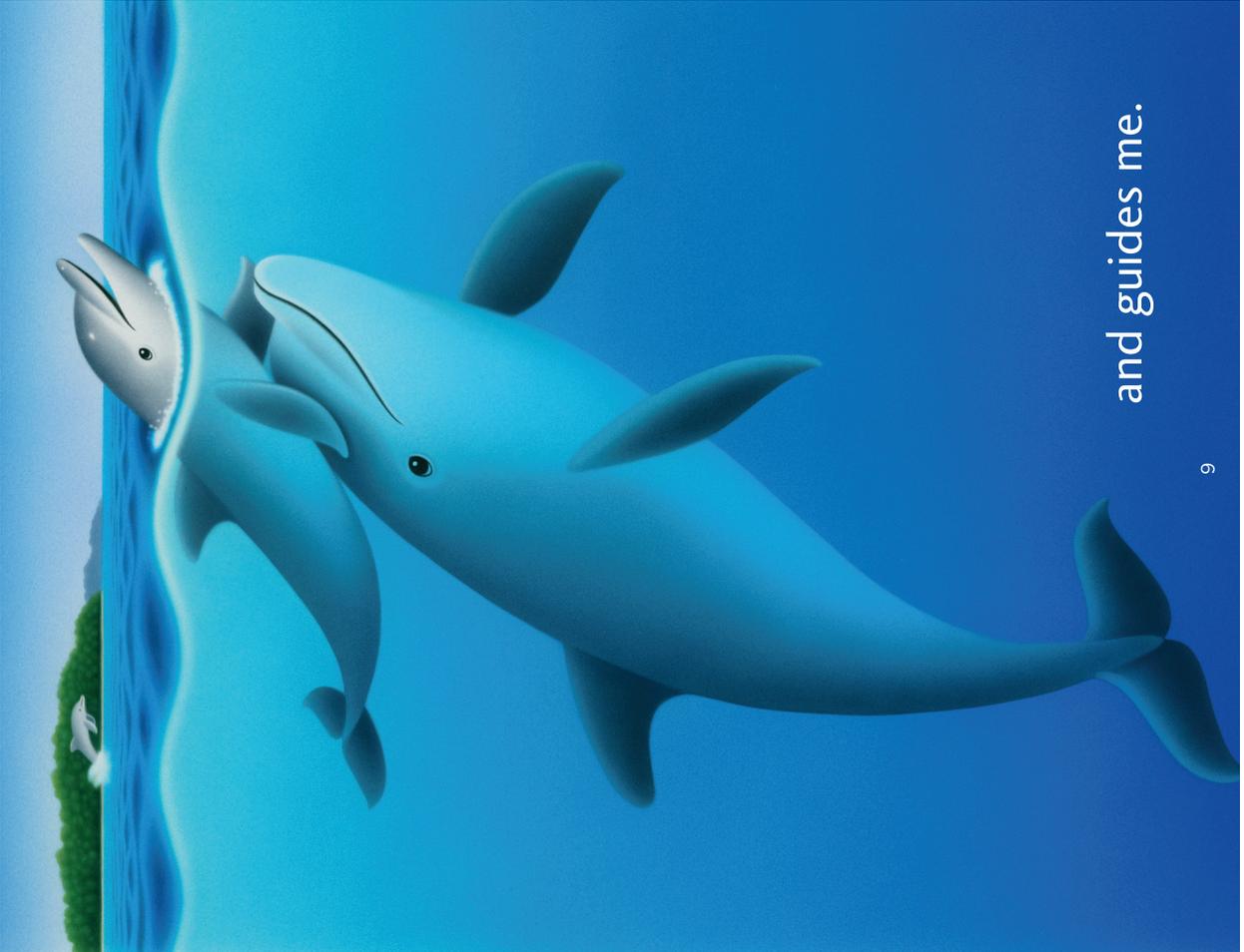


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My mama grooms me





and guides me.



and carries me.



and shelters me.

My mama nourishes me.



What Do We Call Them?



	Animal Name	Baby Animal Name	Group Name
cover	Bobcat	Cub	Clowder/Clutter/Pounce
p. 1	Dolphin	Calf	Pod
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Start a Conversation

Reading together is a gift you share with your child. Make the most of this shared experience with a discussion afterward. Talking about this book is a great way to extend your child's understanding of the natural world.

Ask your child: Did you discover any new animals? Do you know what sound each animal makes? Do you know what the animals eat and where they live? Here are some questions to start your discussion:

- Many animals take care of their babies. How do the animal mothers in this book look after their babies? What do animal babies need to grow up strong and healthy? Can you think of animals who grow up without any help from their parents? [Hint: frogs, sea turtles, butterflies, and more]
- Animals live in places called habitats. Just as you live in a neighborhood, so do animals and plants. An animal needs five things to survive in a habitat: food, water, shelter, oxygen, and a place to raise its young. Can you name different habitats and the animals who live in them? Can more than one animal share a habitat?
- Some animals live alone. They are called solitary animals. Tigers, koalas, skunks, polar bears, and more are solitary. Other animals live together in close-knit groups. They are called social animals. Humans, lions, elephants, ants, bees, wolves, and others are social. The saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a (human) child." How would your life be different if you were a solitary animal instead of a social one?



For additional information on the animals in this book, fun hands-on activities, and more ways to extend the book's content, download the free Teacher's Guide at PlatypusMedia.com.

Celebrate the bond between parent and child



Babies, whether in snowy dens, warm lagoons, cozy nests, or living rooms, are nurtured and nuzzled, carried and cuddled. These beautiful images of families will capture the imagination of even the youngest readers.

“I really appreciate how this book normalizes the nurturing relationship between parents and their children. It makes cuddling during story time that much sweeter.”

—Dr. Sarah Reece-Stremtan, Children’s National Medical Center

“A richly illustrated exploration of the animal world that promotes attachment and vocabulary. Kids will enjoy reading this engaging book over and over again.”

—Brian Lax, Teacher, Stz’uminus Primary School



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