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# Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle

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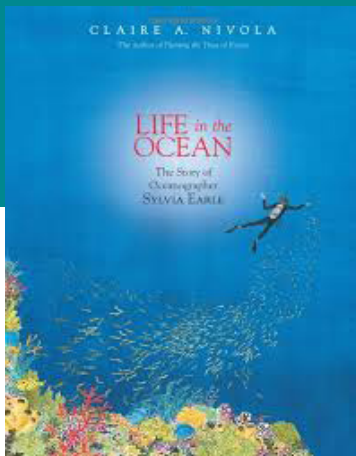
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## Book Review

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Primary

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Sylvia Earle has spent more than seven thousand hours underwater and has dedicated her life to studying the ocean. When she was a little girl she was given ample opportunities to study and explore her surroundings. She called her curiosity “investigations” and was determined from a young age to explore the ocean. She walked on the ocean floor deeper than anyone has ever walked, helped design underwater equipment, and enthusiastically observed ocean life. Sylvia Earle has become an advocate for protecting the sea. This picture book biography is about an amazing woman who changed the world.

In a profession that was highly dominated by men, Sylvia Earle broke the stigma and changed the way people view the oceans. This book is a great reminder to little girls that they can do anything they set their mind to. There is no real-life picture of Sylvia Earle in the back of the book along with the illustrations. Notwithstanding, the artwork is a visually stunning portrayal of ocean life. There are quotes throughout the story that come directly from Ms. Earle which help tell the story in a profound way. She describes whales moving “like ballerinas... dancing in the sea” and states “I wish that everybody could go live underwater if only for a day.” This is a strong addition to any library, especially for little girls.