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ABOUT THE BOOK

"Oona" is a captivating picture book that tells the story of a little mermaid named Oona and her best friend, Otto the otter. Together, they embark on treasure hunts in the vast ocean, often encountering unexpected challenges and discovering the true meaning of adventure and friendship. The book is celebrated for its vibrant illustrations and heartwarming narrative.

Key Themes

- **Friendship:** The strong bond between Oona and Otto is central to the story, highlighting mutual support and shared experiences.
- **Perseverance:** Oona's determination to reach a special treasure, despite obstacles, teaches the value of not giving up.
- **Imagination and Discovery:** The underwater world is a canvas for imaginative play and the joy of discovering new things.
- **Self-Worth:** The narrative subtly conveys that true treasures are not always material possessions, but rather experiences and relationships.

MEET THE CHARACTERS

- **Oona:** A sweet and adventurous little mermaid with a curious spirit and a knack for finding mischief. She is determined and resilient, always ready for the next underwater quest.
- **Otto:** Oona's loyal best friend, an otter who accompanies her on all her adventures. Otto provides companionship and support, making every journey more enjoyable.

EXPLORING THE NARRATIVE

Oona and Otto spend their days searching for treasures like keys, coins, and bottles. One day, Oona spots an exceptionally sparkly crown stuck deep within a rift, a place she cannot easily reach. Despite her repeated attempts and various creative solutions, the crown remains elusive. During her efforts, she encounters a shark and other challenges, leading to moments of frustration.

Eventually, Oona realizes that the most valuable treasures are not always found but sometimes created or experienced. With Otto's help, she finds new goggles, which she declares "spectacular," signifying a shift in her perspective. The story concludes with Oona understanding that the adventure itself, and the joy of shared experiences with a friend, are the greatest rewards.

ILLUSTRATIONS AND IMAGERY

The book features stunning illustrations by Raissa Figueroa, bringing the vibrant underwater world to life with rich colors and expressive characters. Each image contributes to the magical atmosphere of Oona's adventures.

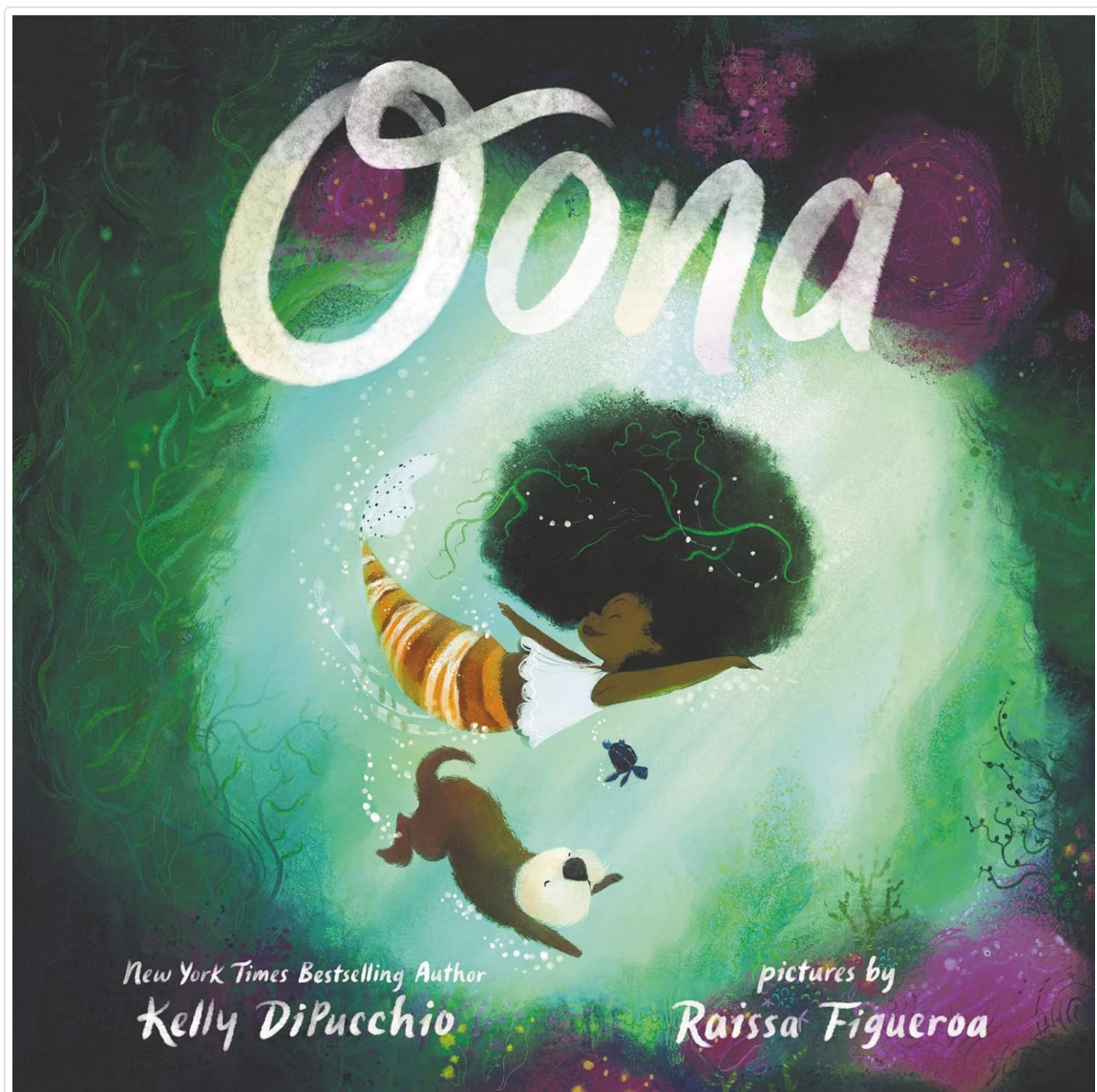


Image 1: The captivating cover art for "Oona," showcasing the titular mermaid with her distinctive afro and her otter companion, Otto, against a backdrop of lush underwater flora and shimmering light.



Image 2: An illustration depicting Oona and Otto on one of their treasure hunts, discovering various items including a partially submerged car and a pair of lost glasses, highlighting their adventurous spirit.



Image 3: This image shows Oona's determined efforts to retrieve a glittering crown from a dark, deep underwater rift, illustrating her perseverance in the face of a challenging goal.

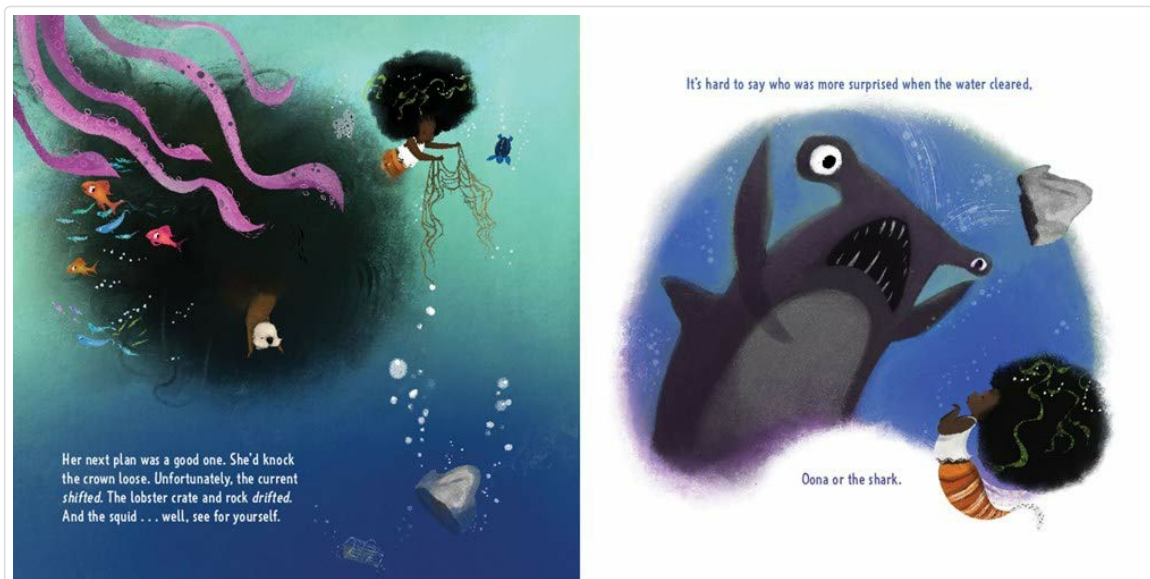


Image 4: An illustration capturing a moment of surprise as Oona encounters a large hammerhead shark near the

mysterious rift, adding an element of unexpected adventure to her quest.



Image 5: The final illustration shows Oona and Otto celebrating their success with new goggles, surrounded by marine life including a dolphin, symbolizing the joy of discovery and the value of friendship over material treasures.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Kelly DiPucchio (Author): A *New York Times* bestselling author known for many beloved children's books, including "Grace for President" and "Dragon Was Terrible." Kelly enjoys searching for treasure and mermaids in Michigan's Great Lakes.

Raissa Figueroa (Illustrator): A Coretta Scott King Honor-winning illustrator and graphic designer based in San Diego, California. Her art brings vibrant life to picture books, including "Princess Unlimited" and "Oona."

BOOK SPECIFICATIONS

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CARING FOR YOUR BOOK

To ensure the longevity of your "Oona" picture book, please follow these care guidelines:

- Store the book in a dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent fading and warping.
- Handle pages gently to avoid tears, especially with younger readers.
- Keep liquids and food away from the book to prevent stains and damage.
- Avoid bending the spine excessively to maintain the book's structural integrity.

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