

Tilly and the Magical Mermaid

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



As a successful, mobile beauty therapist for many years in her home town of Hertfordshire in the UK, Jenny had a dramatic career change when diagnosed in 2009 with Multiple Sclerosis. After a number of challenging years with her health, Jenny is now an author. No one was more surprised about this than Jenny. Writing books was certainly not on her to-do list but has now become her passion. She has written several inspiring and uplifting books for adults and is now concentrating on children's books.

Jenny is writing a series of magical, story colouring books for children which are dyslexia- friendly. We all know how important it is for children to read but how do we entice our children to fall in love with books? Jenny says, 'My intentions are to help as many children as I can to engage, no matter what their reading abilities are. By using their imagination and creativity, both through words or pictures, they learn to enjoy, and most importantly, to have fun, which is what I believe my books achieve.'

Follow Jenny or subscribe to upcoming books by visiting her website at: www.jennyfordauthor.com.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:



Caroline is a multi award-winning artist and illustrator whose work sits in two opposing ends of the genre spectrum - Realism and Fantasy.

All her book illustrations are drawn and coloured by hand with the very occasional use of digital wizardry to add special effects, such as fairy dust!

'Working on Jenny's Magical series of books allows me to revert back to my childhood again and forget about the 'real' world for a while! If my drawings can inspire even one child to think creatively and use their imagination, and then follow this up with a drawing, then I'm happy. The wonderful part of Fantasy illustration is that there are absolutely no rules; if you want to draw a purple and yellow fairy creature with pink stripes, who's to say it's wrong? And kids just love that freedom!'

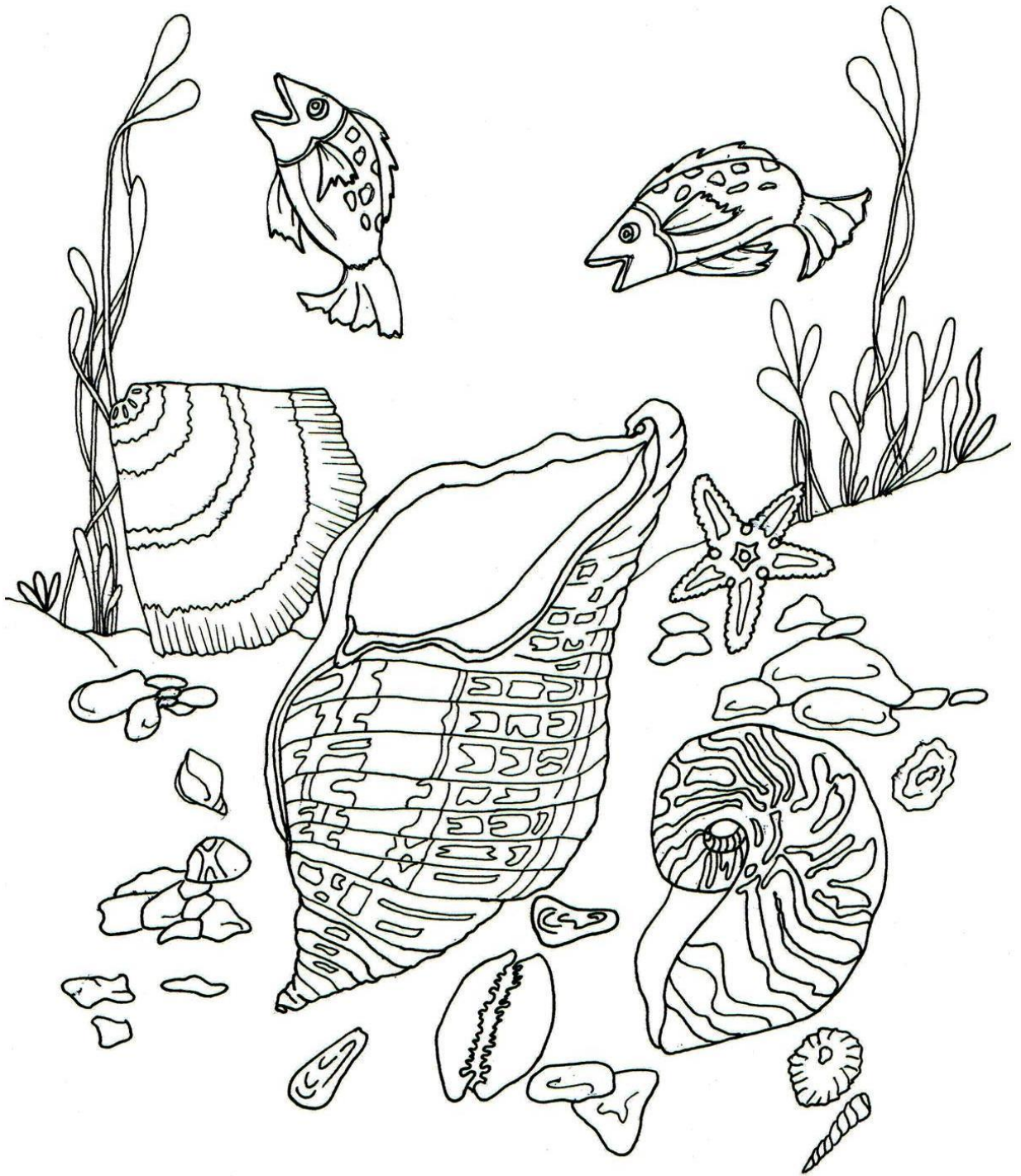
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Tilly was a shy, 8 year old girl who had a great imagination and who loved nothing more than to play on the beach collecting shells and pebbles. She lived in a beautiful house by the sea with her mum Emma, dad Andy and two brothers, 5 year old Harrison and 2 year old George.

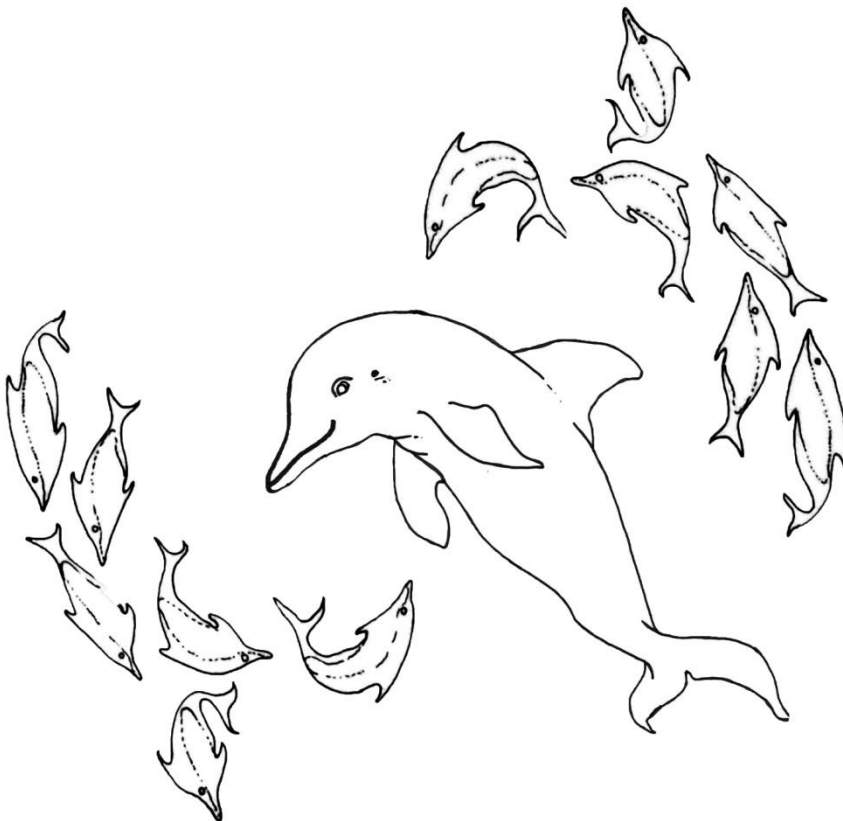
Tilly could see the beach from her bedroom window. She would sit there each morning, just staring at the sea and watching people jogging along the beach or walking their dogs.

The first thing Tilly would love to do each day when she came home from school was to go down to the beach with her mum and brothers and see what unusual shells and colourful pebbles she could find, but her favourite spot was the big rock that stood by itself just under the pier.

This is where Tilly liked to go and see what lovely shells and pebbles the sea had washed up.



It was the last day of school, before the summer holidays. Tilly, Harrison and George were very excited as Grandpa Ed, Grandma Sue, Uncle Darren and their dog Cassie were coming to stay for the week. They were really looking forward to their visit.



“Tilly, Harrison,” mum called. “Come and have breakfast, you will be late for school.”

“Why doesn’t George have to go to school?” a tired Harrison asked.

Mum laughed. “Harrison, you ask me that same question every day! George is not old enough yet but when he is, you will be the first to know. Now be quick, we have to leave in ten minutes.”

“Wish I was still two then I wouldn’t have to go to school either,” Harrison muttered to himself.

