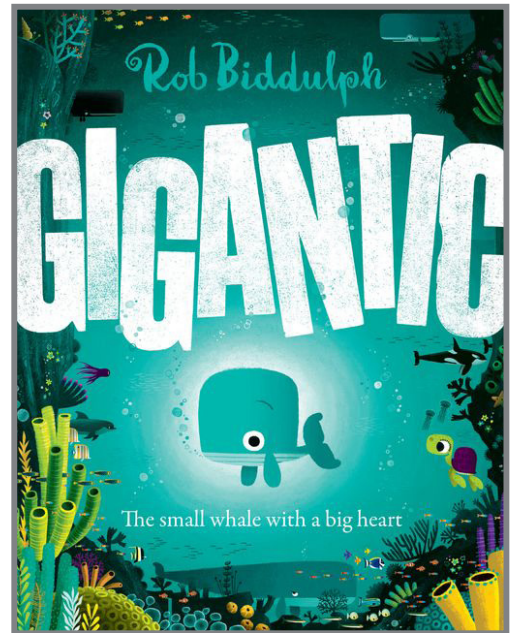


Gigantic

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SYNOPSIS

Dwarfed by the other whales, Gigantic keeps to himself, making new friends and perfecting his somersaults and flips in the bay.

But one day when Gigantic's brother, Titan, gets stuck on the sand, it's down to Gigantic and his smallest sea creature friends to save the day. Can they show it's possible to be tiny and tough?

ABOUT THE CREATOR

Rob is the award-winning creator of many bestselling books, and is owned by Ringo, the spaniel. They live in a house in London with their family, and Rob has been barking up the right tree for a while now—his picture books have won many prizes and are loved by children all over the world.

You can visit Rob and all his friends at www.robbiddulph.com.

STUDY NOTES

- On the imprint and dedication page, the creator, Rob Biddulph, challenges readers to find five things. Can you find them all:
 - A pearl in an oyster shell
 - A tiny alien piloting a submarine
 - A pirate fish
 - A message in a bottle
 - A diamond ring.
- Gigantic and Titan are blue whales, the largest animal to have ever existed. Do some research and find out the following about blue whales:
 - Habitat
 - Diet
 - Migration.

You might like to start here:

<<https://wwf.org.au/what-we-do/species/blue-whale/>>

<<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/facts/blue-whale>>

- When Titan decides to try Gigantic's tailspin, he gives 'a huge baleen grin'. What does baleen mean, and why do you

think that Rob Biddulph has used this word specifically?

- For much of the book Rob Biddulph uses quite a limited colour palette, but when all ‘the teenies and tinies’ come to rescue Titan, there is an explosion of colour. What do you think he is communicating by using all of these different colours?
 - How many different kinds of animals there are?
 - How many different habitats can you see?
- One of the important messages of *Gigantic* is not to judge things by appearance, particularly size. What are some small things that have a big impact in your world? As a class, you might like to start the discussion with:
 - Ants
 - Mosquitos
 - Water droplets
 - Grains of sand.
- On the second-to-last spread, we meet ‘An ocean alive, filled with friends large AND tiny.’
 - How many different plants and animals can you identify?
 - Who are the people on the boat?
 - What does Greenpeace do as an organisation, and why has Rob Biddulph identified them as ‘friends’?
 - Can you identify the boat? This specific vessel has quite a famous history if you would like to research it.
- Another important message from *Gigantic* is that by working together we can make a big difference. How can you and your class work together to help preserve our oceans and waterways?