



Sweetpea Magee: Mermaid Expert

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After plentiful study, Sweetpea knows “everything there is to know” about mermaids. In this natural history in miniature, she teaches other cryptozoology-curious kids about the creatures: glamorous sea mermaids who loathe plastic bag pollution; pond mermaids, who prefer the quiet; puddle and pipe mermaids; and strong river mermaids, who fight the currents, too. Herein, she’s on a gripping expedition to see cave mermaids for the first time; she has to pass by a witch, a dragon, and an ogre to do so. This detail-oriented, curiosity-nurturing, adventure-minded picture book, with its clever illustrations and funny notes, is perfect for budding fantasy enthusiasts who seek the magic behind the ordinary.

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