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When a young mermaid with two tails gets caught in a fisherman's net and can't get loose, she learns how harsh land-dwellers can be. Formerly prized by her family for her unique beauty and superior strength, she becomes exploited at a circus sideshow by her captor. At the point of ultimate despair, a young man with webbed hands comes to her rescue. Of course, love and trust blossom as Maude and Tony make their way together through two worlds, neither of which they easily inhabit. This unusually smart and sensitive story doesn't shy away from revealing the lonely facts of life for misfits. Ages four to eight.

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