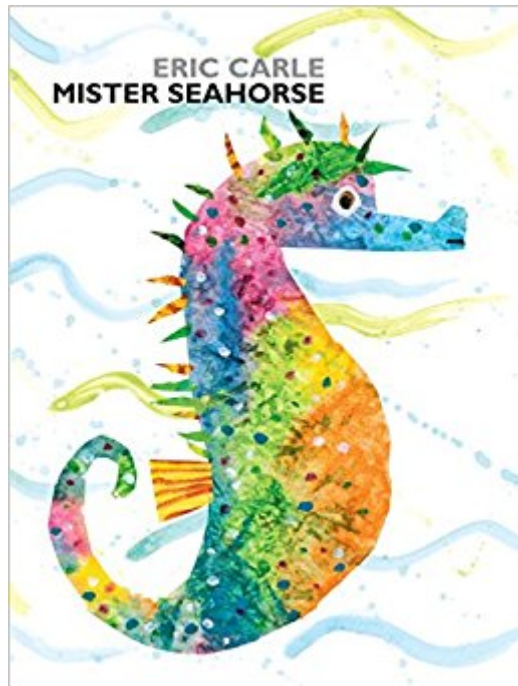




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# Mister Seahorse



## Synopsis

When Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs, she does it on Mr. Seahorse's belly! She knows he will take good care of them. While he swims waiting for the eggs to hatch, he meets some other underwater fathers caring for their babies: Mr. Tilapia, who carries his babies in his mouth; Mr. Kurtus, who keeps his on his head; and Mr. Catfish, who is baby-sitting his young hatchlings. Eric Carle has done it again, with astonishingly beautiful collage illustrations and a story that introduces the very young to the wonders of aquatic life . . . and some very special daddies. A "hide and seek" feature with acetate overlays adds a colorful surprise.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Are you ready for a scintillating seahorse fact? The father seahorse is the one who carries the mother's eggs around in his pouch before they hatch. In Mister Seahorse, master collage artist Eric Carle teaches preschoolers this lesson and introduces them to a few other fish who bear the traditionally maternal burden of caring for eggs: the stickleback, tilapia, Kurtus nurseryfish (known here as Mr. Kurtus), pipefish, and bullhead catfish. As ever, it's Carle's art that steals the show. Cut-up tissue paper soaks up the watery paint and makes for a boldly colorful, almost jewel-like undersea journey. The story? Well, repetition is the heart of instruction, after all. Most of Carle's books employ some sort of gizmo or gadget--and this one is no exception. Here, for a splendid lesson in camouflage, colorful acetate sheets mask marine life that is revealed as the child turns the

page. Children may take comfort in the devotion of these undersea fathers...except perhaps at the very end when the father seahorse says to a freshly hatched sea-pony who wants back in the pouch: "I do love you, but now you are ready to be on your own." (Preschool) --Karin Snelson

**\*Starred Review\*** PreS-Gr. 3. In this tribute to fathers, fish, and otherwise, Carle adds an element to his signature painted tissue-paper collages that makes his art exceptionally striking. After Mrs. Seahorse deposits her eggs in his pouch, Mr. Seahorse drifts gently through the sea, meeting five other fish fathers who participate in prenatal care: Mr. Stickleback hatches the eggs; Mr. Tilapia holds the eggs in his mouth; Mr. Kurtus, a nurseryfish, sticks the eggs on his head until they hatch; Mr. Pipe, a pipefish, carries the eggs on his narrow belly; and Mr. Bullhead, a catfish, babysits newly hatched fry. With each encounter comes a delightful surprise: an acetate overlay camouflages the sea creatures as Mister Seahorse passes by: a lionfish hides in a coral reef; a stonefish hides behind a rock. The vivid, multicolored fish and translucent scenery perfectly evoke the watery backdrop, and the acetate sea scenes are as innovative as the die-cuts in Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Pair this with Lionni's *Swimmy* for a delightful glass-bottomed boat tour. Awash with the wonders of undersea life, this is a stunning, ingeniously conceived lesson in nature as well as a celebration of fatherly affection. Julie Cummins Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I'm collecting Eric Carle's colorful board books as my three grandkids love them. As a grandma I love how these sturdy books hold up to regular fun play and I don't have to worry about taping pages back together. Eric Carle always has great information to help children understand all parts of their world through the lives of a variety of animals large and small. I would buy one for the kids as gifts and one for myself as I love them so much. I also teach elementary art at a nearby school and plan to share these books and encourage the students to illustrate their own stories through these inspirations.

This is my second review on a Carle board book. These were great little books that I purchased my own child when she was much younger years ago. Now I purchase these little board books for all of my friends' babies. They are great!

My toddler loves Eric Carle books. This book is especially interesting to him because there are clear pages that are interesting for him to look at.

This book by the beloved author Eric Carle is a classroom favorite! Loved by teachers and students for clear and concise text as well as engaging and colorful artwork, this book introduces young children to various sea animals and the role of father's as protectors in nature. Perfect for an ocean unit in June close to Father's Day! With a wide variety of books to choose from at home, my grandchildren consistently reach for this book and ask to read it over, and over again.

I cannot say enough good things about this book! It's one that will thrill your child from infancy through childhood. When my son was little, he liked the bright colors and I loved the lengthy dialog, (it was a nice break after hours of reading simple opposite and ABC books.) Now that's he's a toddler, he loves listening to the story of Mr Seahorse and the see through pages and hiding creatures are a thrill! Mr Seahorse is an essential addition to any child's library.

I adore Eric Carle! His work is amazing, his art is amazing, his books are amazing. Students will truly learn and be entertained while looking at these books.

Once again Eric Carle is a genius . As a preschool and kindergarten bilingual english teacher back in Argentina Can't keep my hands off his books, They are really meaningful.

Adorable little book. My daughter will love getting this for her birthday, with all the colorful pictures and the great story about dads helping to raise their young.

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