

Amy's Dreaming Adventures: The Underwater Paradise

By Chrissy Metge

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About the Book

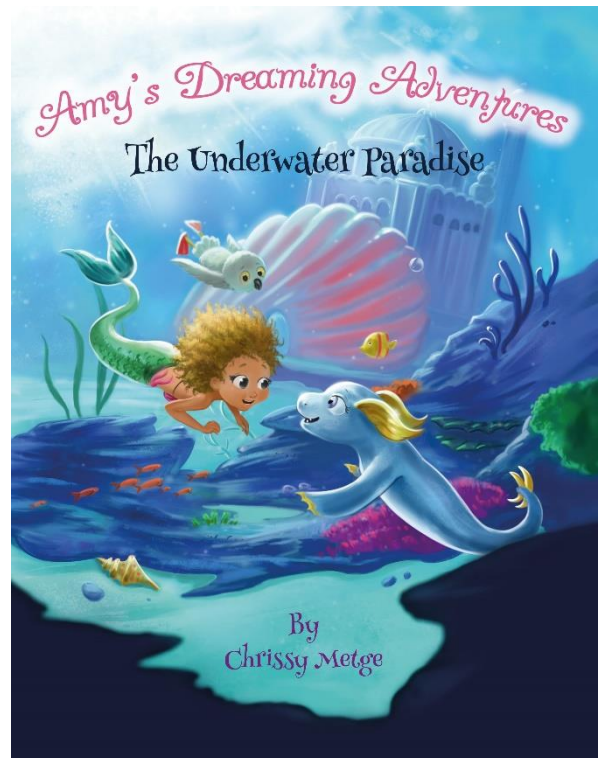
Amy is a little girl who loves adventures. Every night her dreams take her to a magical place filled with mystical creatures and beautiful scenery.

Is it real, just a dream, Amy knows, do you?

This is a gorgeous hardback book filled with exquisite illustrations along with a beautiful rhyme that will have you caught up in Amy's adventure!

About the Author

Chrissy Metge is author of the *Amy's Dreaming Adventures* books and the *Max and His Big Imagination* books. Chrissy also works in the animation film and TV industry and has just completed her 14th movie, a feature film for Disney.



Amy's Dreaming Adventures is inspired by the work Chrissy does in the movie and TV industry, and her love of storytelling for children. As a new mother, one of her most favourite things is getting to see all the little things in life, all over again. Chrissy currently lives in London.

Illustrations

The illustrations are by Dmitry Chizhow, who lives in Russia. The illustrations are richly colourful and dreamy, allowing children to immerse themselves in this beautiful dreamworld while reading the book.



Writing Style

The story is written in third-person point of view prose in a 28-page picture book. Amy goes to bed with Snowy her owl, and in her dreams, they fly from her bed to an underwater paradise. In this adventure, Amy becomes a mermaid, and Snowy has flippers. They dive into the sea and discover seahorses, cheeky fish, an octopus and a magical merdragon and her family before returning back to Amy's bed.

The language used in Amy's Dreaming Adventures is dreamy and descriptive, and the book is written in rhyme.

*Amy loves fantasy, fairies and more,
But only in dreams can Amy explore.
So into her bed Amy jumps every night,
With Snowy her owl who helps her take flight.*

The book is suitable for children 3 to 7 years, but older and younger children may also enjoy the story.

Shared Learning and Discussion Points

ASK YOUR STUDENTS:

- Look at the cover. What do you think the tone of the story might be?
- How has the author set the scene at the start of the story?
- Amy becomes a mermaid. What would that be like? Can you describe how it would look and feel?
- Amy meets a seahorse and many fish. What do you know about real-life seahorses?
- It's not long before Amy meets an octopus. How many arms does an octopus have?
- Amy swims into a cave and discovers a magical merdragon. What do you learn about the merdragon and her family?
- The merdragons create air bubbles so Amy and Snowy can float to the top. Describe what you would see and feel.
- What do you think of Amy and Snowy her owl?
- Which was your favourite sea creature, and why?

Activities



ACTIVITY 1: SEA CREATURE IMAGINATION

There are many different sea creatures in this book. Pick your favourite and draw your own version of it. Create your own story using this character.

ACTIVITY 2: UNDERWATER IMAGINATION

Draw your own underwater paradise, including coral and seaweeds, and add as many sea creatures as you would like. Add one surprising element and make up a story about this addition to your picture.