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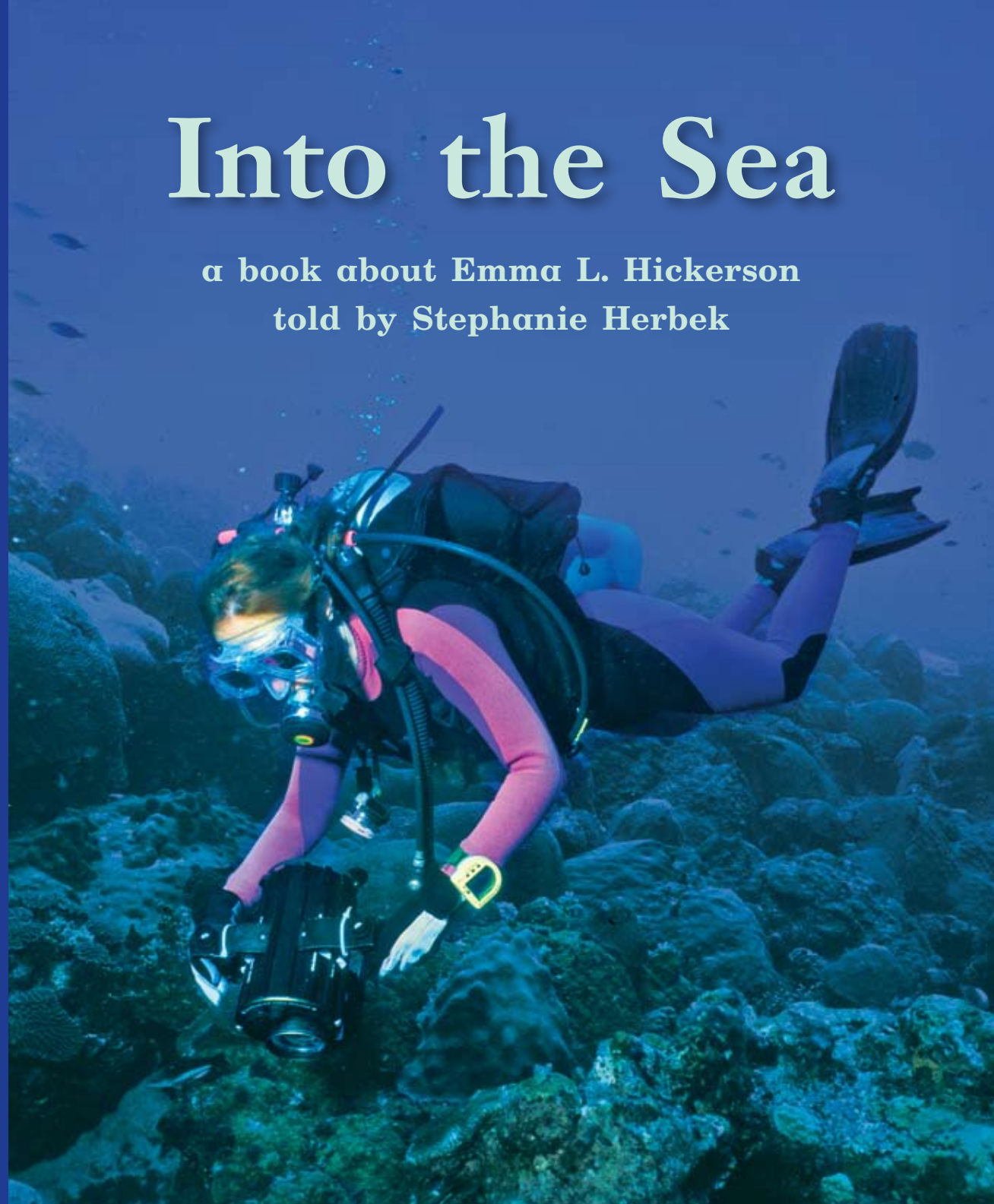


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Emma L. Hickerson—Marine Biologist

I was born in Sydney, Australia, and have spent half my life in Texas. Since 1997, I have held the position of Research Coordinator for the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary. I have coordinated or participated in over 100 research cruises, including SCUBA, Remotely Operated Vehicle, and submersible operations. As a marine biologist, I enjoy underwater photography as a way to study and interpret scientific data. When not underwater, I spend time with my wonderful daughter Sydney.

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To the young readers: Dream big and chase your dreams. Look after nature. Look after the ocean. Love her.

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Glossary

flippers big rubber shoes that help someone swim like a fish

lab a room where scientists study things

mask a covering that hides or protects the face

scientist a person whose work is the study of nature, such as plants and animals

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My name is Emma Hickerson.
I am a scientist.
I study plants and animals
of the sea.

I use this little sub.
It is a special sub
that can dive deep
into the water.



The sub has tanks of air
for me to breathe.
The sub has bright lights, too.
They help me see
the plants and animals.

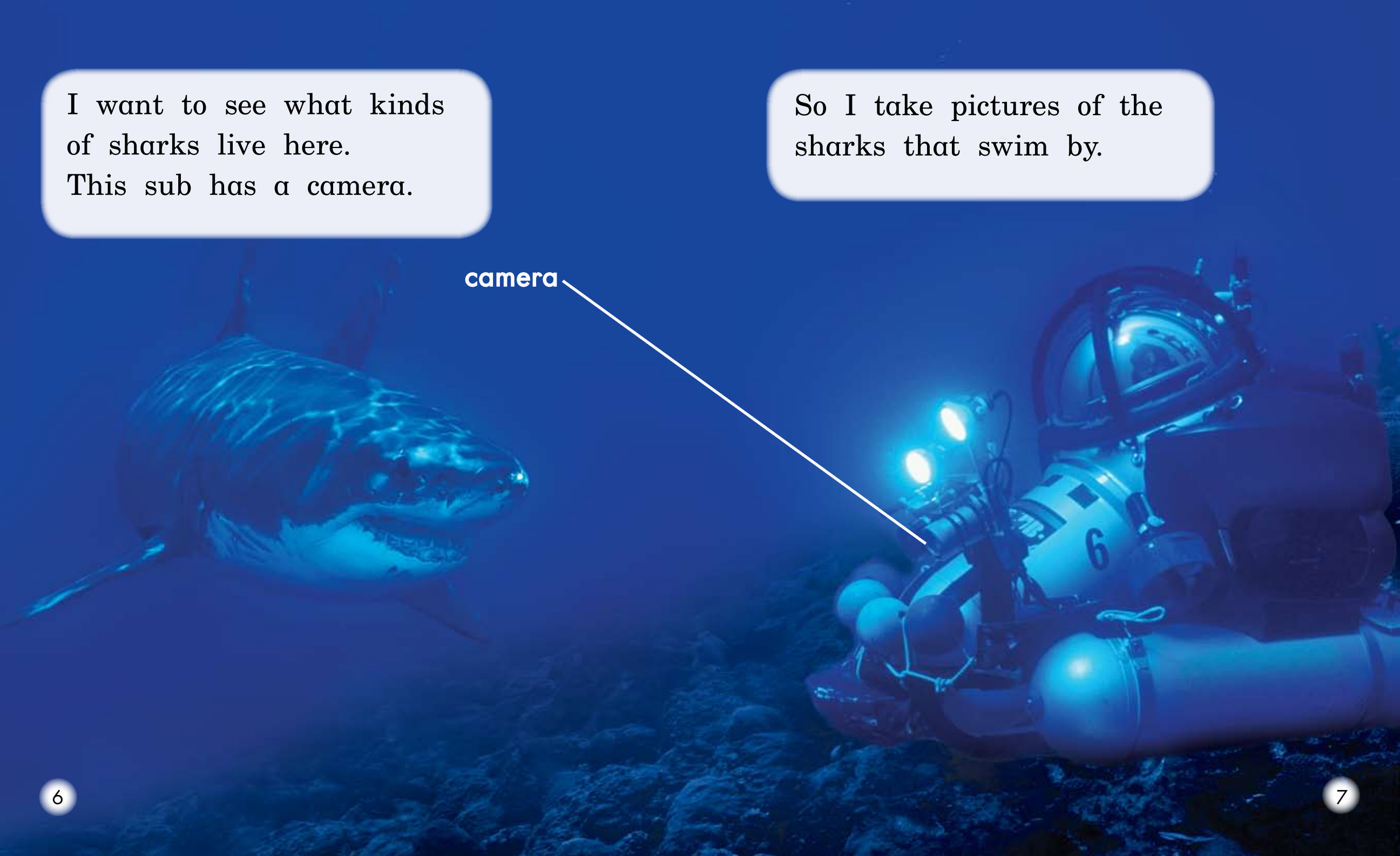


air tanks

I want to see what kinds
of sharks live here.
This sub has a camera.

So I take pictures of the
sharks that swim by.

camera



Sometimes I dive
off a boat into the sea.
I put on a special suit
for diving.
I wear an air tank.
I wear a mask and flippers, too.





I carry a special camera
that works underwater.
I take pictures
of the seaweed.
I want to see how big
it can grow.



I also take pictures
of a sea turtle.
I want to see
what kind of food
the turtle eats.



Then I go back to my lab.
I look at all the pictures
that I took in the sea.

I use my computer.
I write about the shark,
the seaweed, and the turtle.



I **love** my job.
I love to study
the plants and animals
of the sea.
I'm writing a book
about them!

