How Whales Walked into the Sea Faith McNulty Reviewed by: Victorria Dau, 17 Star Teen Book Reviewer of Be the Star You Are! Charity www.bethestaryouare.org

This book is about how whales transitioned from land animal into sea animal throughout the course of 50 million years. The whales are not fish and their bodies are warm considering they live in the sea. They start out looking like a cheetah with a long tail, a dinosaur-like body, next they start to look like an alligator with feet. Finally they look like shark and dolphin with tiny feet, and at last the shape of a whale with very tiny hind feet.

The whales come in different types, they can be killer whales, bowhead whales, and gray whales with barnacles. Sea animals can get barnacles by scraping their bodies against the rocks when they swim deep under the water. Whales can hold their breath for about fifteen minutes. I especially like the blue whale and killer whale. The blue whale is the largest baleen whale and its heart weighs about a thousand pounds. It can grow up to one hundred feet long. It's bigger than any animal in the world now. The killer whale is not scary like many people think, they are actually very friendly to you. The killer whale usually swims in packs because they hunt together. A killer whale is also known by the name orca. They hunt fish, seals, birds, and sometimes baleen whales.

I like the book because I really love learning about sea animals. The front cover and title really interested me because it had such nice illustrations. I would say people eight years old and over can read this book because they can understand the book more.