

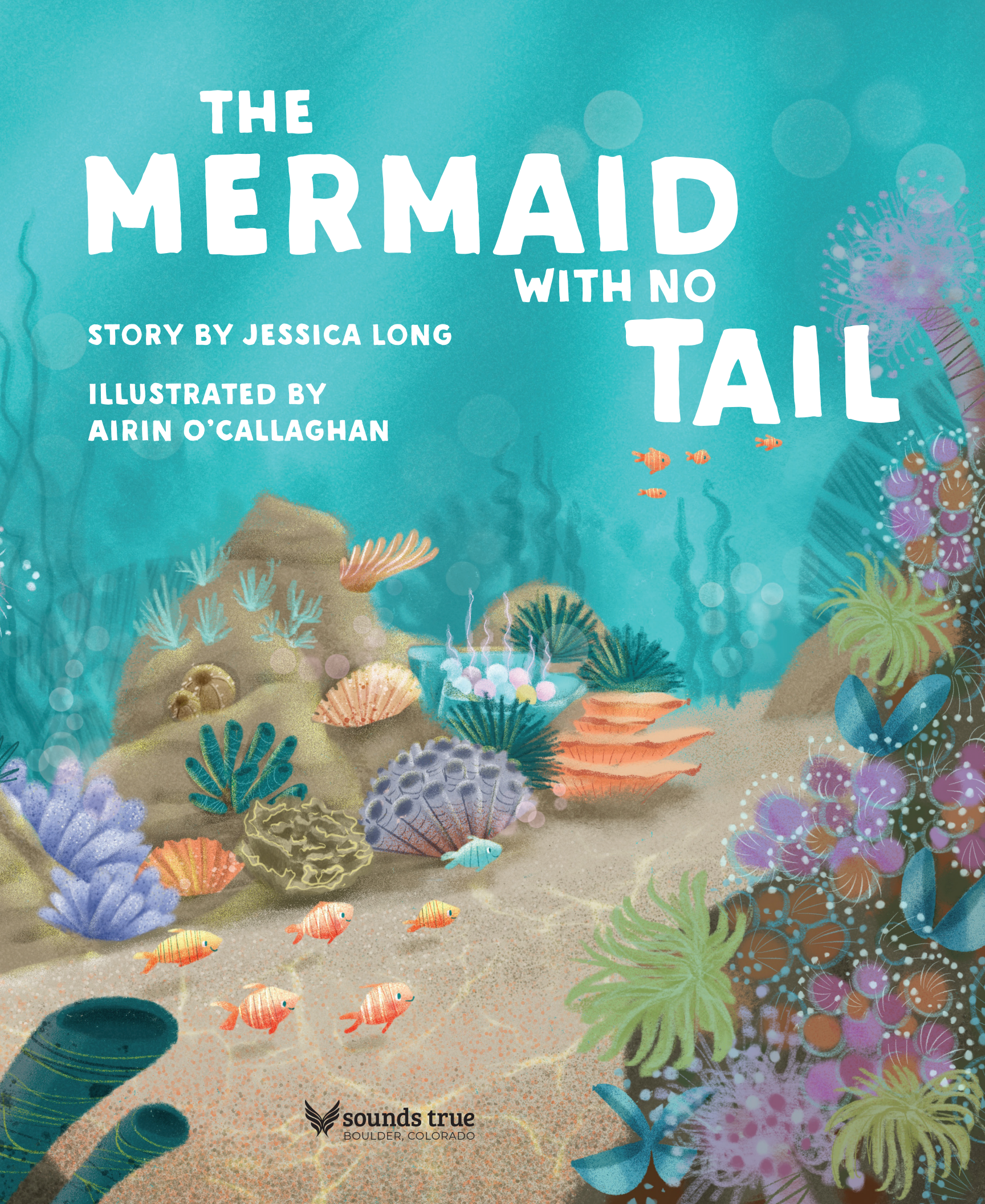
# THE MERMAID

WITH NO

# TAIL

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Imagine a mermaid with no tail.



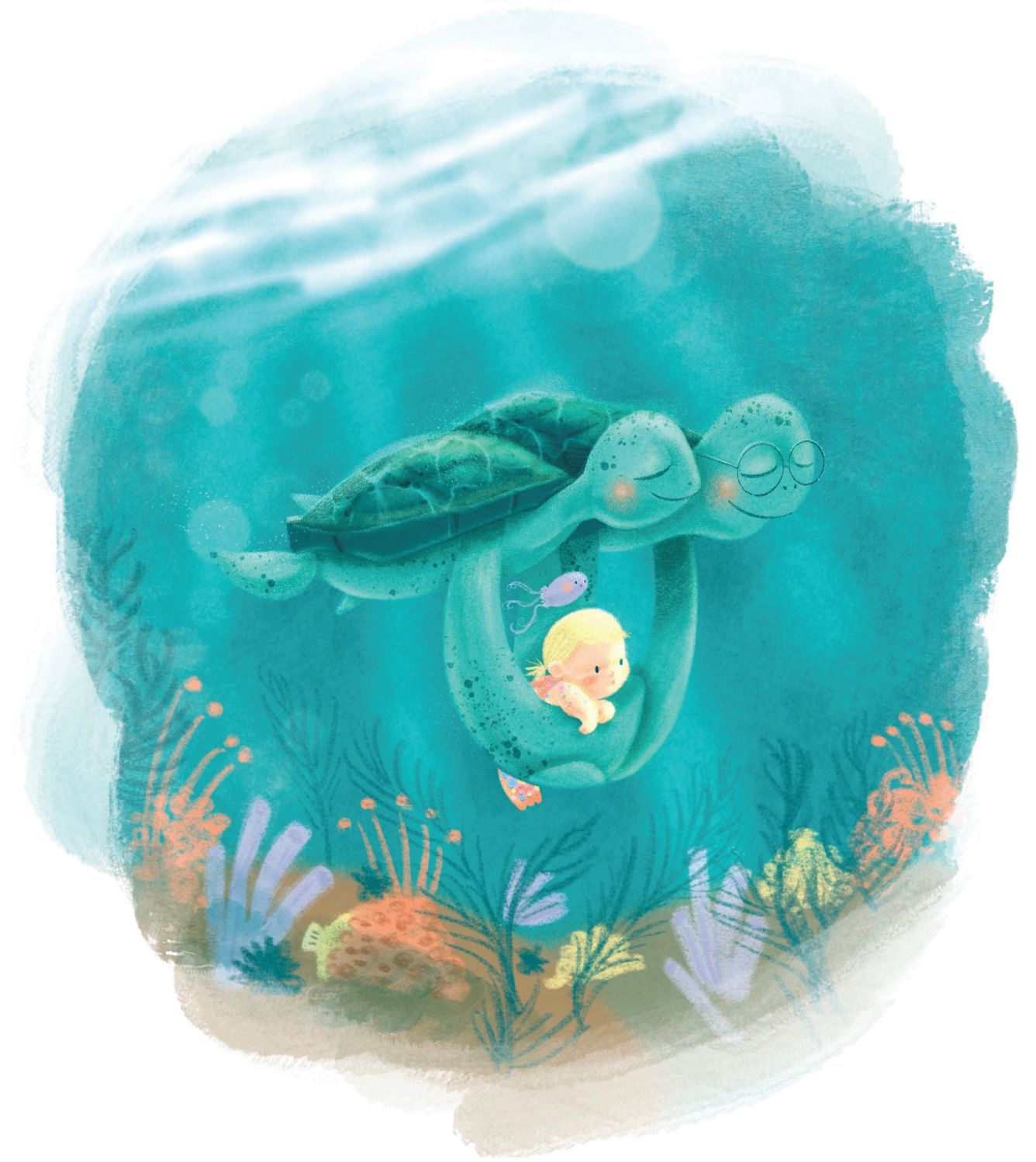


Her name was Tatiana.

The other mermaids wouldn't play with Tatiana because she was missing her beautiful tail fins. "Tail fins are what make mermaids . . . mermaids," they said, and swam away.



Tatiana grew up with the sea turtles. When she was very small, her turtle parents found her hiding in a giant clamshell. She was all alone, so they took care of her and adopted her into their family. Even though she didn't look like them, the turtles loved her, and Tatiana loved them.



She thought they were the best dad and mom in the world.



Tatiana's favorite thing was watching the Mermaid Games, which is the biggest swimming competition in all of the seven seas.

She cheered for the racers and imagined herself swimming with them. She told her parents, "I am going to compete in the Mermaid Games and wear the winner's trident shell around my neck for everyone to see."

