

I AM RIVER

The illustration depicts a vibrant river scene. In the foreground, a large orca (killer whale) is shown swimming, its dark back and white belly clearly visible. To the left, a large salmon is swimming, and below it, a school of smaller fish is visible. In the middle ground, a white swan with a yellow beak swims towards the left. To the right, a bird is shown in flight above the water. In the background, there are rocky islands with small houses on top, and the sky is a clear blue. The title 'I AM RIVER' is written in large, stylized, blue letters across the top of the scene.

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We recognize the Kanien'kehà:ka, Waban-aki, Huron-Wendat, Innu and Mi'qmaq peoples as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters depicted in this book. This River, now commonly called the St Lawrence, held many names before that one and is known by many others to this day.

Further, we recognize that we are living and writing on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehà:ka, in an area which has long been a meeting place for many First Nations.

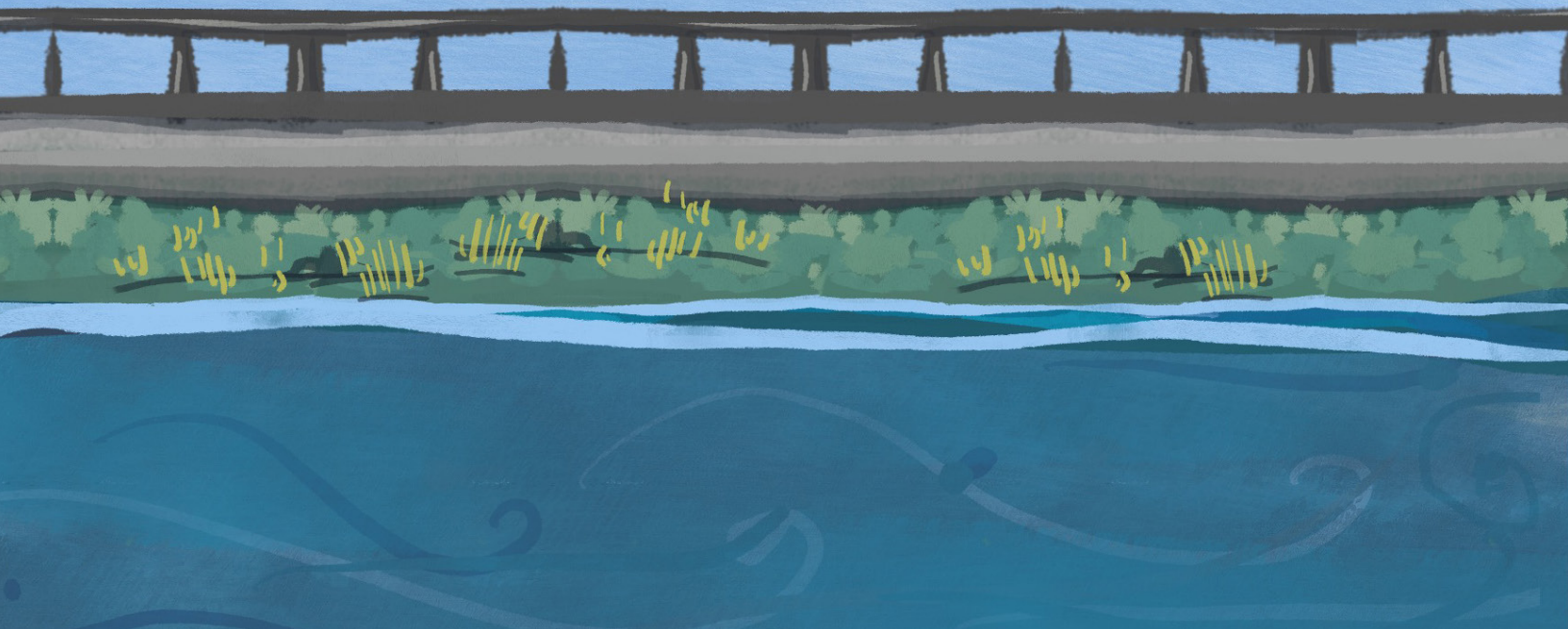
With support from Ocean Wise this project has been created in commemoration of the lives of all the victims of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, including two Ocean Bridge ambassadors, Danielle Moore and Micah Messent.

We aspire to carry on their legacy and commitment to making the world a better place by creating long-lasting impacts and driving positive change for the environment and our oceans.

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Hello there young one!
It's so nice to meet you.

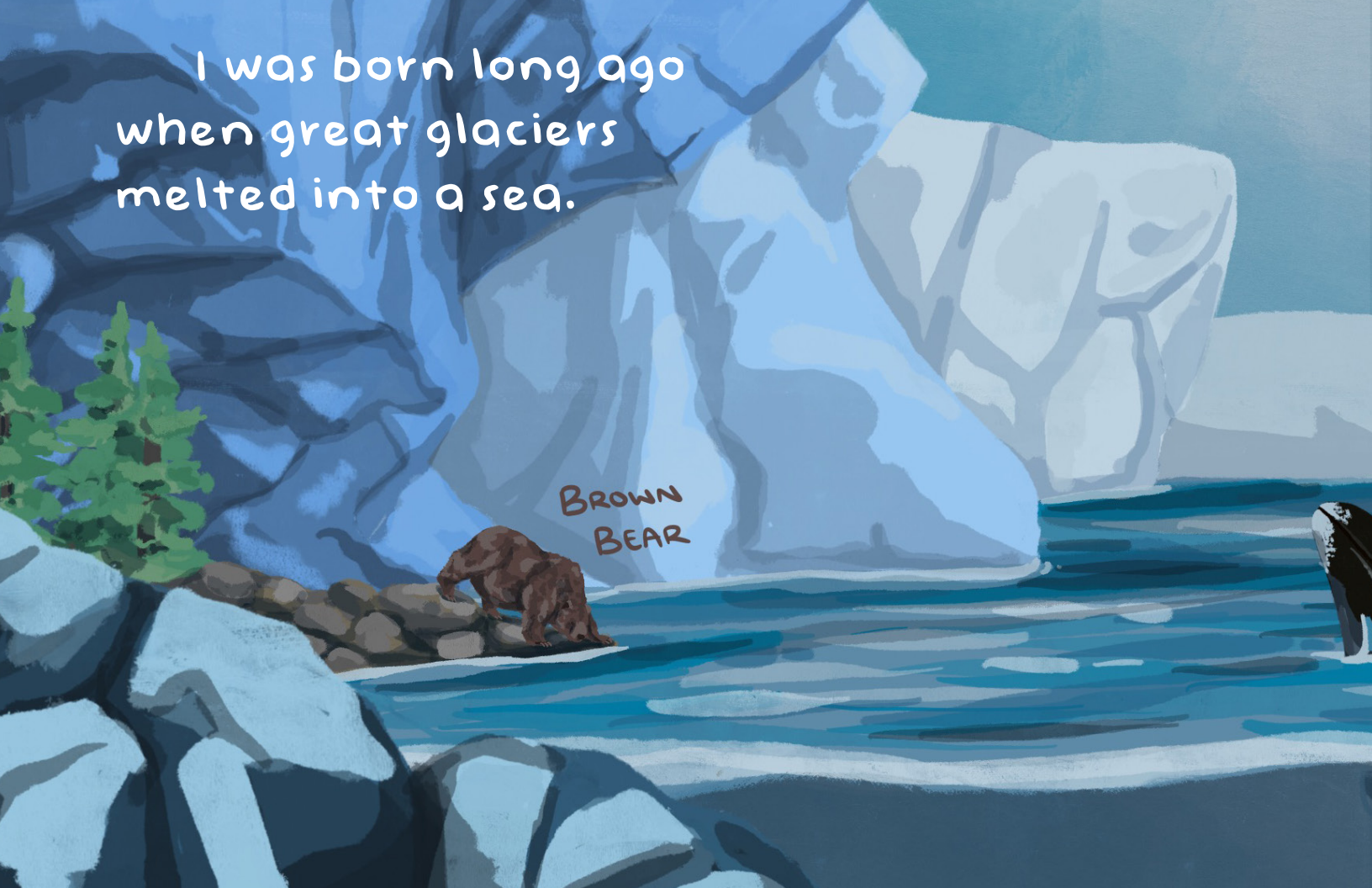




Me? I have other names,
but just "River" will do.

I was born long ago
when great glaciers
melted into a sea.

BROWN
BEAR



Over time, the water
flowed out to the ocean,
creating me!



THICK-BILLED
MURRE



BOWHEAD
WHALE

BEACH
GRASS





BALD
EAGLE

PAINTED
TURTLE

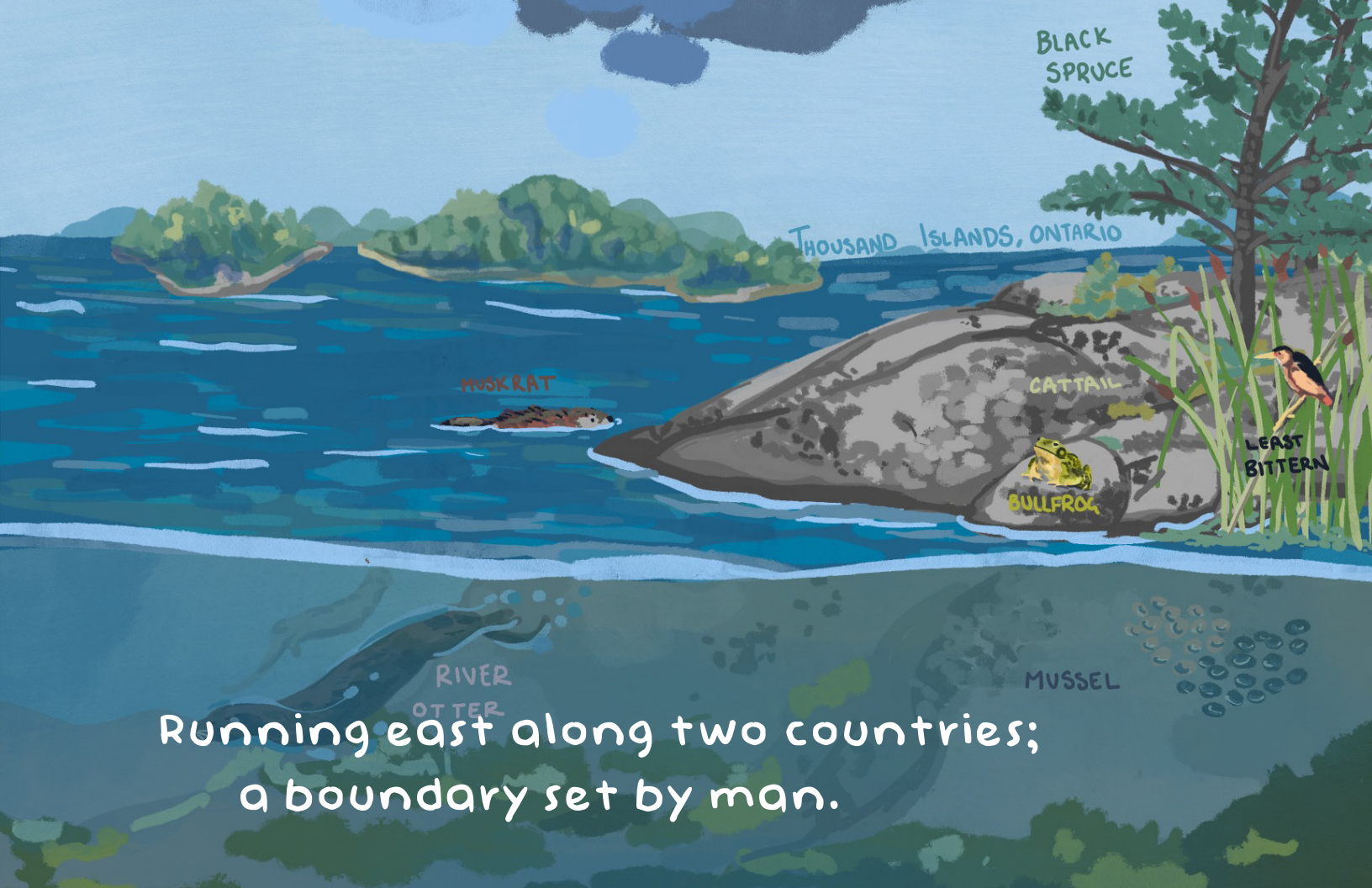
COMMON
LOON

MAP
TURTLE

CISCO

I come from Great Lakes,
at the heart of this land.

MUSKIE
(MUSKELLUNGE)



BLACK
SPRUCE

THOUSAND ISLANDS, ONTARIO

MUSKRAT

CATTAIL

BULLFROG

LEAST
BITTERN

RIVER

OTTER

MUSSEL

Running east along two countries;
a boundary set by man.



BALSAM
FIR

DARK-EYED
JUNCO

COMMON
MURRE

STRAWBERRY

DOUBLE-CRESTED
CORMORANT

PLOVER

In my estuary, I'm a mix of
freshwater and salty sea.

DAISY
BRITTLE
STAR



GREATER
BLACK-BACKED
GULL



KING
EIDER



COMMON
MURRE



BELUGA

For nearly all my memory,
Belugas have lived here
with me.



BLACK
GUILLEMOT

PERCÉ, QUEBEC



COMMON
EIDER



STRIPED
BASS

At my gulf, I meet
the Atlantic ocean,
which connects me to the
world!

NORTHERN
SEA CUCUMBER



DAHLIA
ANEMONE



POLAR
STARFISH



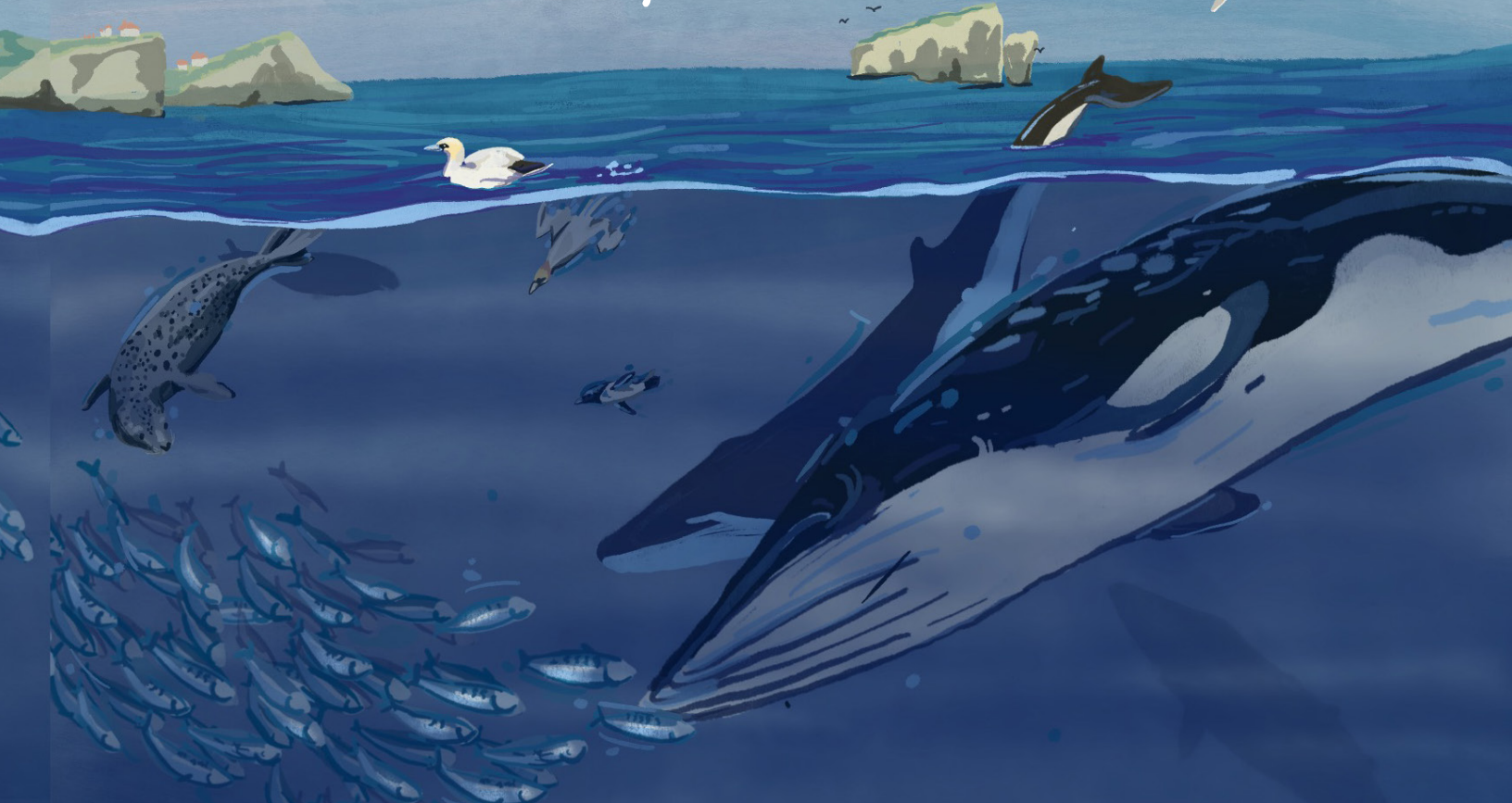
ATLANTIC STURGEON



ACADIAN
HERMIT CRAB



Here, whales swim in waters
that are salty and cold.





TURKEY
VULTURE

HERRING
GULL

My heart is with you,
who splash and play by my shores.



Being a part of your communities
is something I truly adore.

RED
MAPLE

See, People have
always lived by my
banks.

KAHNAWAKE, QC

SUMAC

GREAT BLUE
HERON

Many are kind and
thoughtful, and give
me thanks.

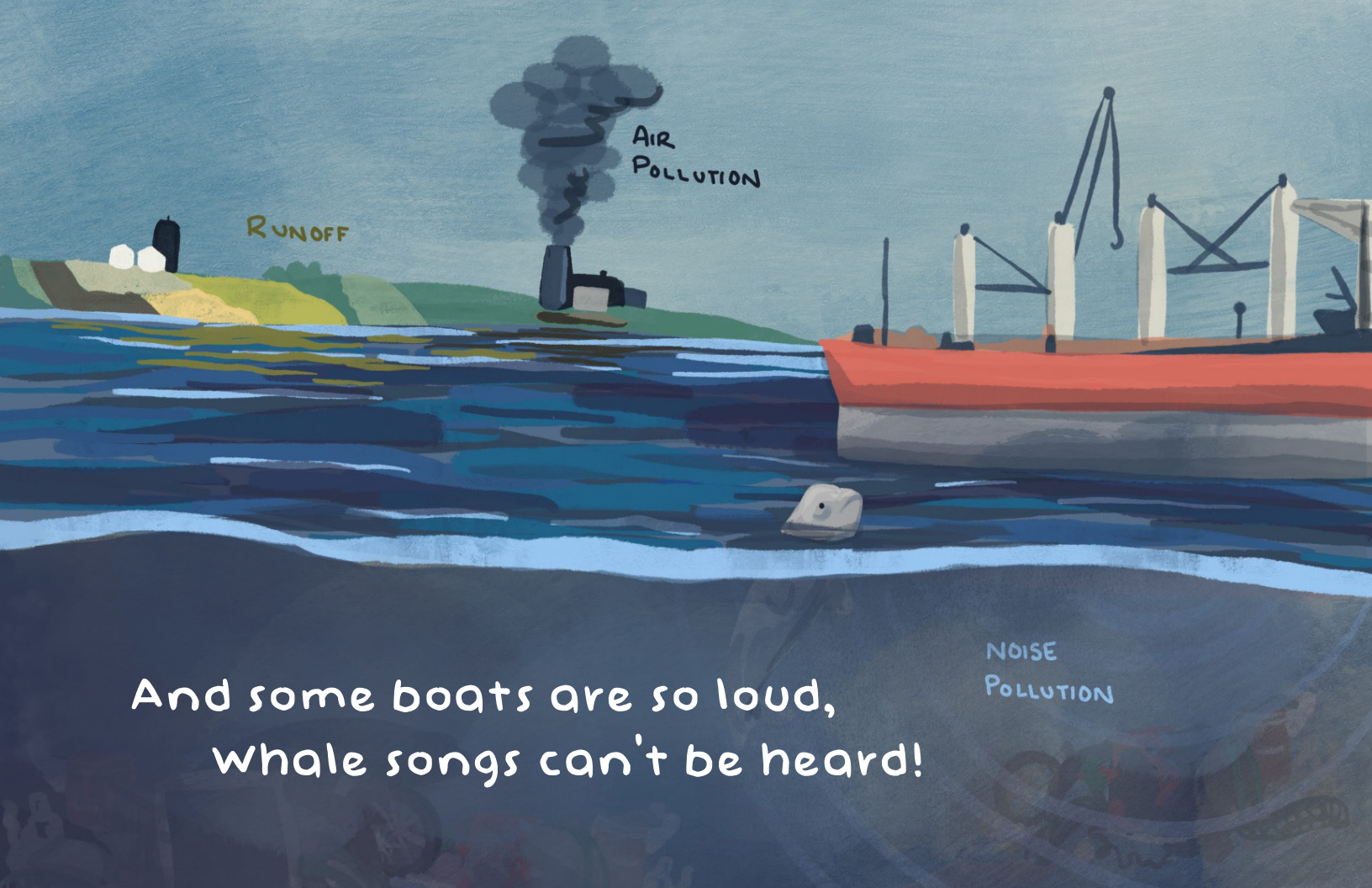


But lately, I have not been feeling well.



WASTE POLLUTION

Waste in my water hurts every
Fish, Plant, and Bird.



AIR
POLLUTION

RUNOFF

NOISE
POLLUTION

And some boats are so loud,
whale songs can't be heard!




I don't mean to scare you,
only ask that you be kind.



Talk to your friends,
family, elders and schools.
Pick up your garbage, and keep me in mind.

HARBOUR
PORPOISE






OSPREY

ESSIPIT, QUEBEC


Then I can keep doing
what I've always done,

BROOK
TROUT

An artistic illustration of a humpback whale breaching the water. The whale is shown in mid-air, its dark back and white belly with characteristic spots visible. To the right, a small boat with orange and grey sections is on the water, with several figures on board. The water is rendered in various shades of blue with white highlights. In the background, there are dark blue mountains and a sky with white, fluffy clouds and several birds in flight. The text 'HUMPBACK WHALE' is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font to the left of the whale's breach.

HUMPBACK
WHALE

Being home, and fresh water
For everyone.



Thank you for listening,
my lovely new friend.



I hope to see you by my
riverbed again!

- GREAT LAKES
- FRESHWATER
- ESTUARY
- GULF
- ATLANTIC OCEAN



FEATURED CREATURES!

INVERTEBRATES

Acadian hermit crab
Dahlia anemone
Daisy brittle star
Mussel
Sea cucumber
Polar starfish

FISH

Atlantic mackerel
Atlantic sturgeon
Brook trout
Cisco
Muskie

REPTILES

Map turtle
Painted turtle

AMPHIBIANS

Bullfrog

BIRDS

Bald eagle
Black guillemot
Common eider
Common loon
Common murre
Common tern
Dark-eyed junco
Double-crested cormorant
Great blue heron
Greater black-backed gull
Herring gull
King eider
Least bittern
Northern gannet
Osprey
Plover
Razorbill
Ring-billed gull
Thick-billed murre
Turkey vulture

PLANTS

Balsam Fir
Beachgrass
Black spruce
Cattail
Red maple
Strawberry
Sumac

MAMMALS

Beluga
Blue whale
Bowhead whale
Brown bear
Harbor porpoise
Harbor seal
Human
Minke whale
Muskrat
River otter



To this River, now known as the
Saint Lawrence,



who has made a home for
many.

And to the children who
will protect it.

