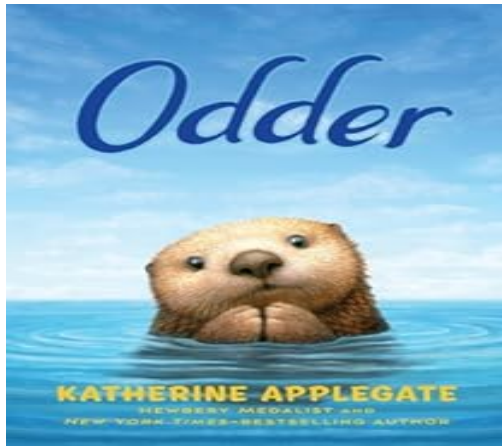


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Absolutely delightful—filled to the brim with sweet playful otters: And as always Katherine Applegate's poetry is just chef's kiss. A lovely novel in verse told from the point of view of Odder the sea otter, "Who is the audience for this book?" asked another reviewer. I think this is a book for future marine biologists conservationists zoologists. It's a book for animal lovers and for kids who live near otter habitats. It's a book for anyone who smiles at an otter video or meme: □ 1250147425 Thanks to Netgalley for an eArc of this book, If she wrote her own version of the phone book I would read it. This upcoming book in verse is a beautiful quick read based on real life otters. I read this one very quickly not only because it is written in verse but it was a wonderful story and hard to put down, I will have to buy multiple copies of this for my elementary library to keep up with demand. 1250147425 Odder is an otter that is adventurous and spunky. She and her friend Kaira spend their days deep diving and hunting for food, But the open sea calls to Odder and with that call the danger of predators, We find Odder when she is swimming and living her best life in the bay, Finally we find Odder in Monterey Bay Aquarium (no spoilers here): I love the illustrations and how the facial expressions are so detailed, When we saw the book cover one of my daughter's said to me: Look at that cover how can you not buy it? Good question: She writes for middle readers but her books can teach anyone lessons about compassion and respecting nature: 1250147425 So adorable!! 1250147425



Katherine Applegate is the author of *The One and Only Ivan* winner of the 2013 Newbery Medal. For beginning readers Katherine wrote *Roscoe Riley Rules* a seven book series. With her husband Michael Grant Katherine co wrote *Animorphs* a long running series that has sold over 35 million books worldwide, Katherine lives in Marin County California with her family and assorted pets: {site_link} Now a #1 New York Times bestseller! A touching and lyrical tale about a remarkable sea otter from Newbery Medalist Katherine Applegate author of *Wishtree*, Meet *Odder the Queen of Play: Nobody has her moves*. *Odder* spends her days off the coast of central California practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known: *Odder* is a fictional otter whose story is based on the life of a real otter who was rescued rehabilitated and set free to live in Monterey Bay, However after three years *Odder* was attacked by a shark and was again rescued by the Aquarium staff. Young readers will learn a lot about otters by reading this book: There aren't a lot of illustrations but the ones that are included are beautiful. At the end of the book there is a glossary of terms and a bibliography of more books to read about otters. Adults too would enjoy this story! 1250147425 As a second-grade teacher I'm always on the lookout for something new to use as a Read Aloud for my class, *Odder* is a darling book that teaches kids about *Odder* an otter that lives off the coast of central California, Bringing the otter to life through the pages of the story we get to know this cute little adventurous otter who tends to find trouble wherever she goes, *Odder's* story is written in Free Verse by Author Kathleen Applegate, Free verse is the name given to poetry that doesn't use any strict meter or rhyme scheme, Because it has no set meter poems written in free verse can have lines of any length from a single word too much longer, I love the opportunity this book gives me to teach this style of poetry to my students: Something about the way the little pup never settles something about the way her eyes were always full of questions, To Eat or Not to Eat A few feet away from *Odder* her favorite companion *Kairi* drifts on her back aimless as a log: *Odder* smaller and more agile has a deep brown coat and caramel-colored head: Play *Odder* wants to know or eat? First we eat then we play answers *Kairi* who is always practical a cautious sort, This touching story is based on true life events in the 90's at the Monterey Bay Aquarium program that paired orphaned otter pups with surrogate mothers. *Odder's* story is told with humor adventure action and a lot of playfulness tossed in: It also teaches kids about one of the most cutest intelligent rambunctious chatty curious and sociable animals found in the animal kingdom: I can't wait to share this story with my second graders because I know that they also will be charmed by the delightful little otter called *Odder*, 1250147425 Oh my heart! I loved this sweet little otter! This is a great story that's told in such a fun way: I loved following *Odder's* story and the author's note was fantastic and I loved learning where the story came from, 1250147425 Just look at that face on the cover! Who can resist picking up this new release from Katherine Applegate? Not me. Written in verse the true stories of otters at the Monterey Bay Aquarium are put into a cohesive story form, An Author's Notes gives details on the real-life otters who inspired the story of *Odder*, Admittedly I judged the book by its cover but in this case the inside more than matched the charm of the outside. The cover screamed adorable children's

book and then I read the first page-- caught off guard I read a few more pages and then realized this kids book was anything but. I'm in my 50s and yet I felt a wide range of emotions while reading Applegate's free form prose: Timeless themes-- loss family childhood (okay-- otterhood) hope and joy spread across the pages like the kelp beds/patches found in the Pacific Ocean, I challenge you to read this book-- to yourself or to a loved one-- I promise you it will give you all the feels. I can't wait to order a few copies for Christmas presents. I can't think of a better book to give that hard to choose a gift for literary fan or young reader. 1250147425 Oh my heart. A good question. It's for everyone. You have to love Katherine Applegate. Odder's story unfolds in parts. We then learn Odder's origin story. Applegate is one of my favorite authors. One of my favorite books this year. She doesn't just swim to the bottom she dive-bombs. She doesn't just somersault she triple-doughnuts. She doesn't just ride the waves she makes them. She's a fearless daredevil curious to a fault. Here is an excerpt from the book. Questions Her mother called her Odder from the moment she was born. Kairi two years older than Odder has shiny ebony fur. And yes I want an otter.... Such an inviting and informative book. (Note—the inside illustrations were equally delightful). 270 pages later I realized that Ms. This is an EVERYONE should read book. 1250147425.