



# Deep, Deep Down

## The Secret Underwater Poetry of the Mariana Trench

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### Reading Questions for Discussion

#### Before Reading:

Activate your prior knowledge related to the Mariana Trench by trying to answer the “Did You Know?” questions at the back of the book.

- How deep do you think it is?
- What’s the water pressure like?
- Did the Mariana Trench exist before the Earth was created?
- Why isn’t there much food in the trench?
- How many people have visited the trench?
- Are there any sharks in the trench?

#### After Reading:

- This book is classified as a non-fiction, STEM, poetry, picture book and a lyrical narration. Why do you think the author wrote the book the way that she did?

- You can feel the author's reverence for nature throughout the book. What is her message to the reader? Consider the trench, biodiversity, the species that live in the trench and us, as human beings.
- Do you think this book promotes the Mariana trench and debunks the myths surrounding this important part of our ecosystem? Explain why or why not.
- What was your favourite part of scientific information in the book? Why do you find this part so interesting?
- What were your favourite poetic lines in the book? Why did you choose them?
- Why did the author include the picture chart (with the depths marked for each species) at the end of the book? How does this help you to understand this book?
- Make sure that you read the "Did You Know," "Why does the Mariana Trench Matter," and "A Note from the Author" at the end of the book. These sections contain lots of valuable information that readers will find interesting.