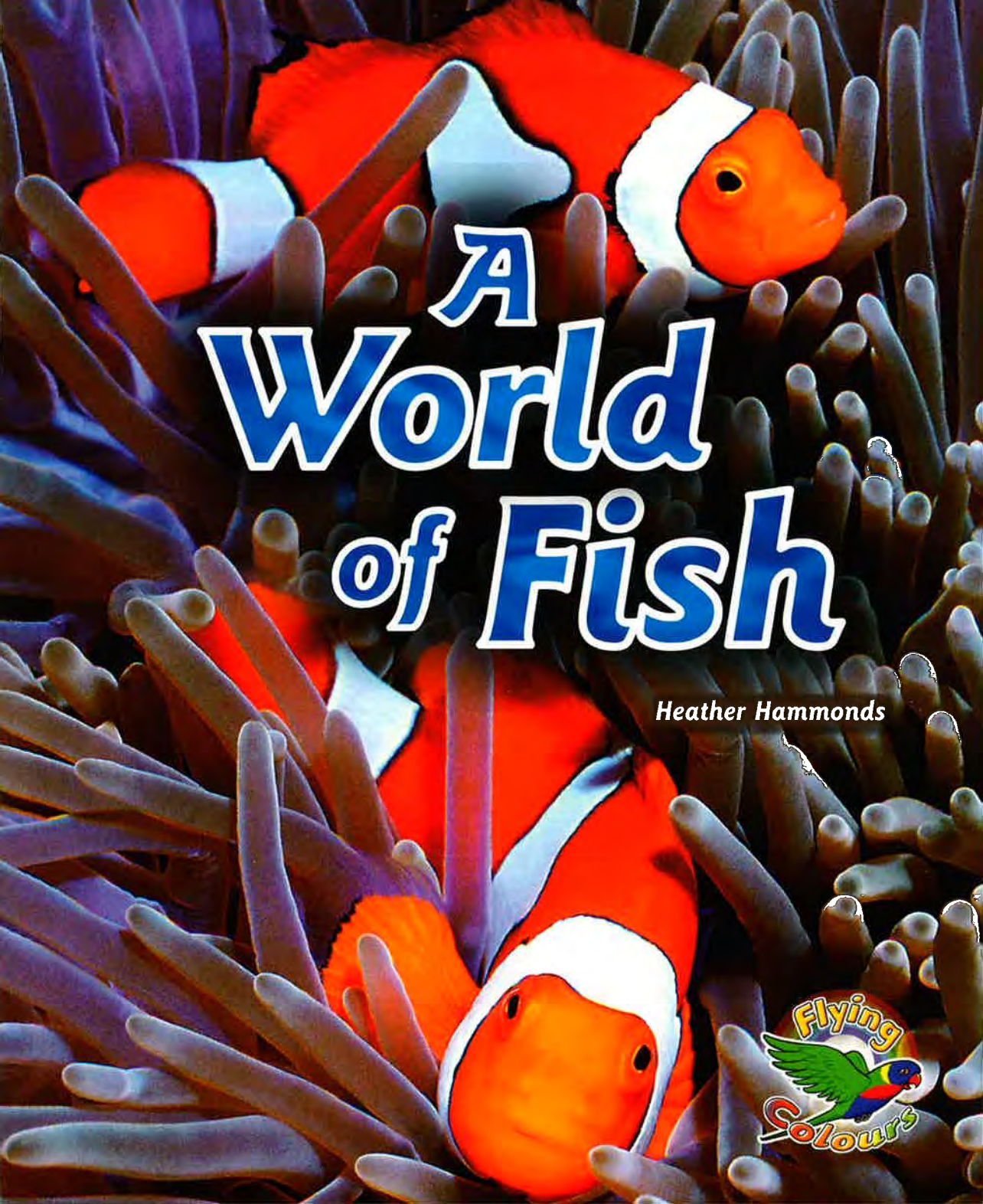




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Fantastic Fish

Fish are amazing water animals. They are found all around the world, from the coldest places to the warmest places.

Some types of fish live in rivers, lakes and ponds. Many fish live in the sea.



Fish Bodies

Some fish have skeletons made of bone. Other fish have skeletons made of cartilage.



Most fish have fins. Fish also have gills to breathe with.





an angelfish

There are thousands of different types of fish. Some fish are small and colourful, while others are large and powerful.

Porcupine fish can puff up like a ball!



a porcupine fish

Largest and Smallest Fish

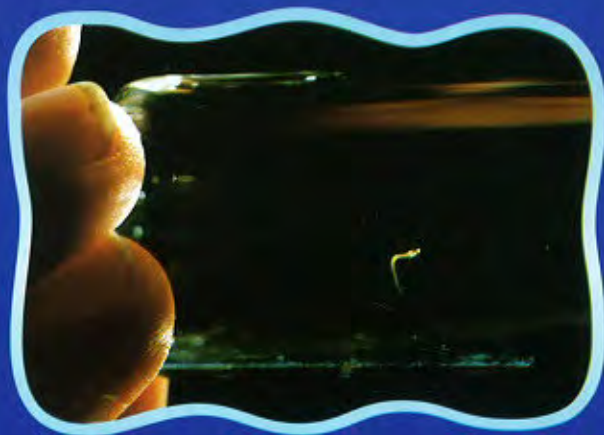
The largest fish in the world is the whale shark. Whale sharks grow to more than 12 metres long. They live in the sea in warm parts of the world.



The smallest fish in the world is the stout infantfish.

Stout infantfish grow to less than one centimetre long.

They live in the sea, around coral reefs.



Rivers, Lakes and Ponds

Freshwater fish live in rivers, lakes and ponds. They need clean, fresh water to survive.

Some large freshwater fish live in deep lakes and big rivers.



sockeye salmon



goldfish

Other smaller freshwater fish live in ponds in parks and gardens.



Northern Pike

Northern pike are very large, powerful freshwater fish that grow to more than one metre long. They live in big, cold lakes and rivers in some northern parts of the world.

Northern pike eat smaller fish and animals such as frogs. Sometimes they eat young water birds such as ducklings.