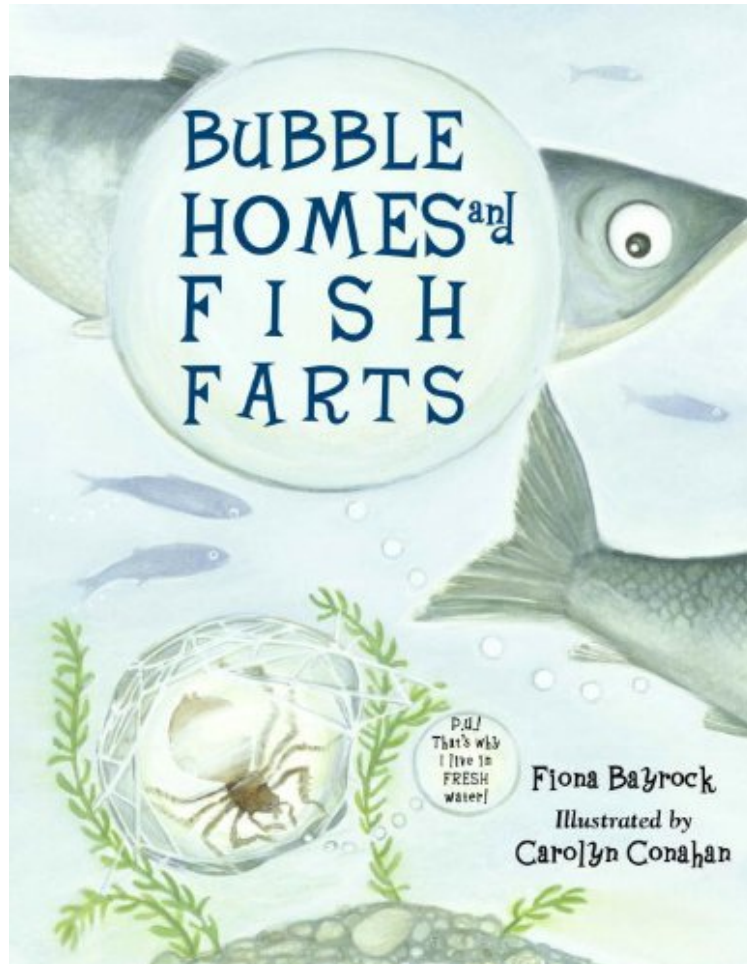


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Bubbles are for popping, fishing, finding foodand for sailing, playing, and shooting hoops! Who knew animals used bubbles for so many different things? Learn about how the water spider builds a bubble home underneath the water,

how snapping shrimp use bubbles to talk to each other, or how dolphins play with bubbles as if it's a game. Whether they are riding, breathing, or making bubbles, one thing is for sure animals use bubbles in amazing ways.

From School Library Journal Grade 2-4 Fast Repetitive Tick (FaRT) is the term scientists use to describe the flatulence-like noise that herring make as they communicate their locations to one another. That might be the most amusing description of the uses of bubbles in the natural world, but this entire book is enjoyable and engaging. From the protective hiding places young juniper spittlebugs create to the foamy nest that the African gray treefrog whips up around her freshly laid eggs in the branches above a pool, bubbles are described and pictured. The illustrations are pale and less-detailed versions of scientifically accurate drawings overlaid with entertaining comments, e.g., parent frogs admonish, "Careful, kids!" and "Don't talk to any predators!" The comments may be corny, but they infuse the information with fun. The single-page glossary defines terms simply and effectively, e.g., flatulence is described as "The scientific name for farting." Two spreads of "More amazing facts" offer additional information about each species' habitat, location, and physical attributes. Creative, accessible, and fact-filled. Frances E. Millhouser, formerly at Chantilly Regional Library, Fairfax County, VA Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. This intriguing book shows the surprisingly varied ways in which bubbles are incorporated in animals' lives. A watercolor painting fills each double-page spread, while superimposed headings identify the species and the purpose of its bubbles (Keeping Warm, Running, Breathing, Playing) and a paragraph of text explains what it does. For instance, a humpback whale swims in circles to create a bubble net, herding fish toward the center, where they can be scooped into its enormous mouth. Juniper spittlebug nymphs encase themselves in a mound of gooey foam that protects them until they are ready to molt. These and other animals' techniques for creating and using bubbles are well described in succinct paragraphs. Thought balloons, carrying brief comments from the animals, add a bit of levity. A glossary and four pages of amazing facts are appended. Illustrated with finesse, this attractive book introduces 16 bubble makers, from insects to humans. --Booklist Grades 2-4 --This entire book is enjoyable and engaging...overlaid with entertaining comments...creative, accessible, and fact-filled. March 2009 --School Library Journal Bayrock's writing is dynamic, with onomatopoeic language and kid-friendly comparisons to engage and inform. March 2009 --Junior Library Guild About the Author Fiona Bayrock has always enjoyed playing with words, but was well into adulthood before discovering her passion for science. She has since written books for educational and specialty markets in Canada and the U.S., as well as 60+ articles, stories, and poems for children's magazines such as Highlights for Children, Odyssey, KNOW, and YES Magazine. Fiona lives in British Columbia, Canada.