

# Cheryl The Snail



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It's not about struggling though life,  
It's about how you love and you live,  
It's making the most of the lessons you learn,  
And taking much less than you give.

This book is dedicated to my wonderful family  
Cheryl, Oliver and Darcy.

Without their constant love and support I  
would have never have gained the  
courage to be the person I am today.

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Sam the seahorse  
is hiding on every  
page.

Can you find him?







Alone sat a lobster called Colin,  
he was not only blue but was blue.  
For as well as his shell being aquamarine,  
he was unbearably miserable too.





He didn't have friends he could play with,  
he lived his life full of dread,  
For he was the only blue lobster,  
all the others had shells that were red.



He felt silly for being so different,  
he tried, but would always fail,  
to find courage to play with the others,  
until...he met Cheryl the snail.





Cheryl hadn't always looked so amazing,  
she was born with a regular shell.  
But she'd lost it when she was a baby,  
now she wears whatever fits well.





One day she wore a tin can,  
the next she tried on a stone.  
But no matter what Cheryl sported,  
she was never found playing alone.



Cheryl slithered past Colin and smiled,  
as she wiggled her fluffy, blue hair.  
He looked as sad as a sardine,  
and she thought that it didn't seem fair.





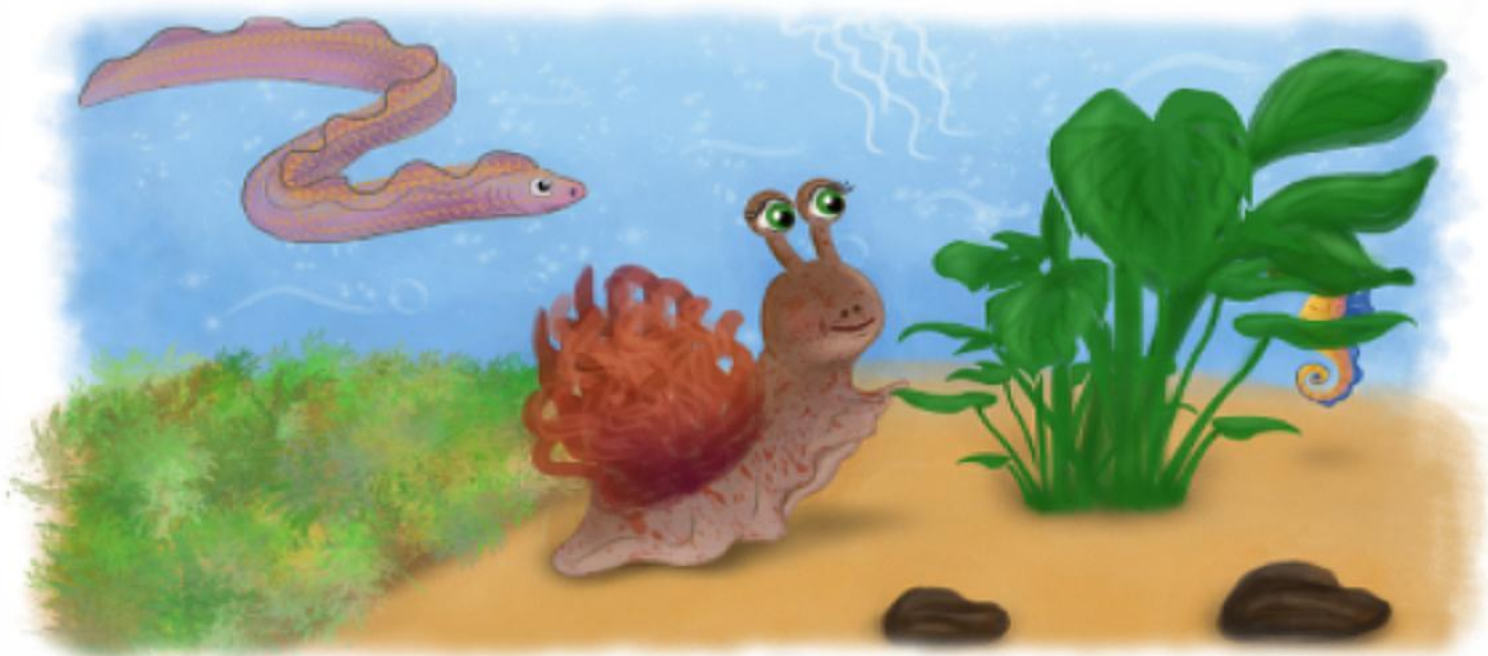
They talked and she told him her story,  
of a bird that pecked off her home.  
She thought her friends wouldn't like it,  
and she'd end up being alone.



At first looking different was scary,  
other creatures would laugh and stare.  
She simply explained what had happened,  
then nobody seemed to care.







She didn't let it upset her,  
and would never get angry or cry.  
She'd just smile and wiggle her bottom,  
as she strolled with her head held high.



If they stared she'd say, "how you doing?  
Don't be scared, I'm just like you."  
They'd soon get over their fears,  
of her shell being different and new.





Now, when her friends hear her coming, they can't wait to see what she's found. Something fluffy and purple and spotty, or a rock that is shiny and round.



She told him not to be scared,  
and to wear his colour with pride.  
He might no be red like the others,  
but he would always be special inside.





Colin smiled then started to dance,  
and promised Cheryl he'd change.  
He realised, if we all looked exactly the same.  
the world would be...incredibly strange.



He jumped up onto a rock,  
and stood with his head held high.  
From that day on he was happy,  
never again was he sad or shy.







So, if you get teased for being different,  
remember what you have to do.  
If people don't like your appearance,  
it's them that must change and not you.

**THE END**

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