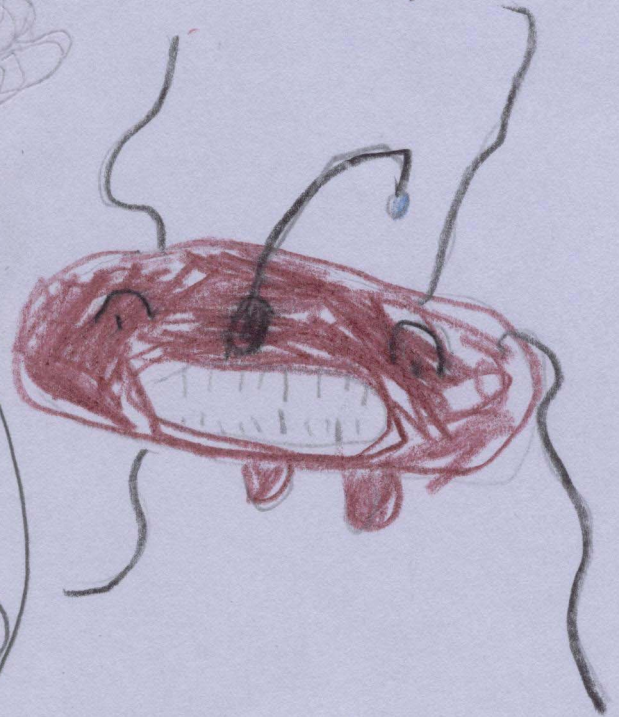


# Deeper Creepers!

A story  
especially about  
the abyss



*I dedicate this book to  
the deep sea creatures.*

**H**i, I'm Grace. My class is on a fieldtrip at the beach. I'm alone right now because everyone else is eating lunch.

I see the tide coming in and see this submarine thing. It's a bathysphere!

I climb in. A wave sweeps me into the ocean.





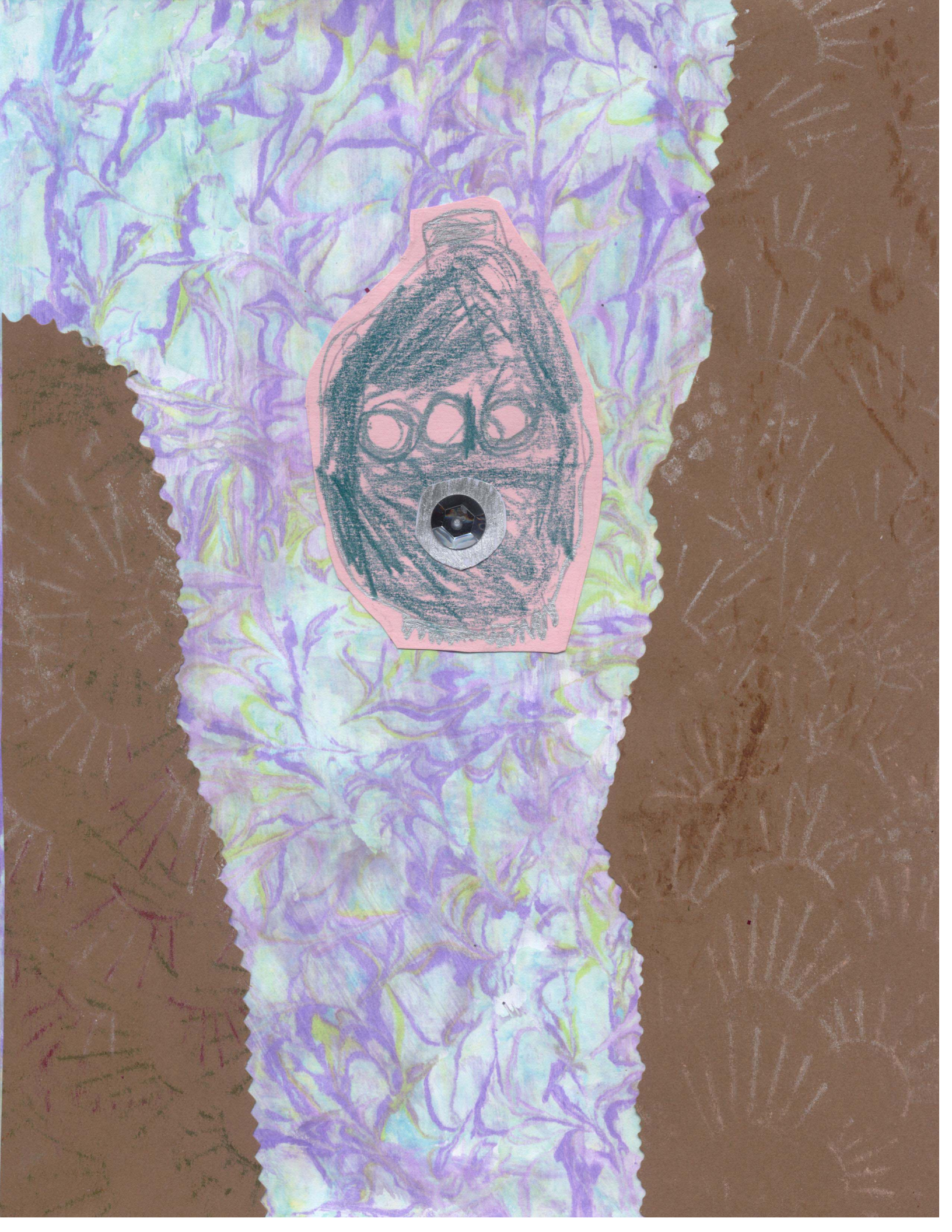


I'm in the twilight zone. Then the light fades, and before I know it, I'm in the abyss.

The abyss! The one place I've always wanted to go!

It's verrrrrrry dark, but the bathysphere has special lights.







I see an anglerfish family. They like the bathysphere. I say, "Hi!"

They say, "Hi! We have to be very quiet because we are fishing for dinner."

They turn on their lights and swim into really dark water.







Then, I see a creature that looks like a spider in her web. It isn't in the deep sea creature book that's in the bathysphere.

I discovered a new species! I name it the deep sea web spider.

She looks like a spider that lives above water but her web is in a bubble. Her legs look like seaweed. When fish swim by and try to munch on them, she eats the fish! She has vibrant pink lights all over her body and web.

She turns out to be very friendly even though she looks creepy.







Suddenly, a viperfish charges at the bathysphere! I talk to it about how cool it is and it likes me.

The viperfish swims away.







**N**ow I am face to face with a big  
gulper eel! It opens its mouth as  
wide as it can to show me how big it is.

YIKES!







I turn the bathysphere around. I drive  
as fast as I can—right into a  
vampire squid!

She gives me a ticket for driving the  
bathysphere too fast!



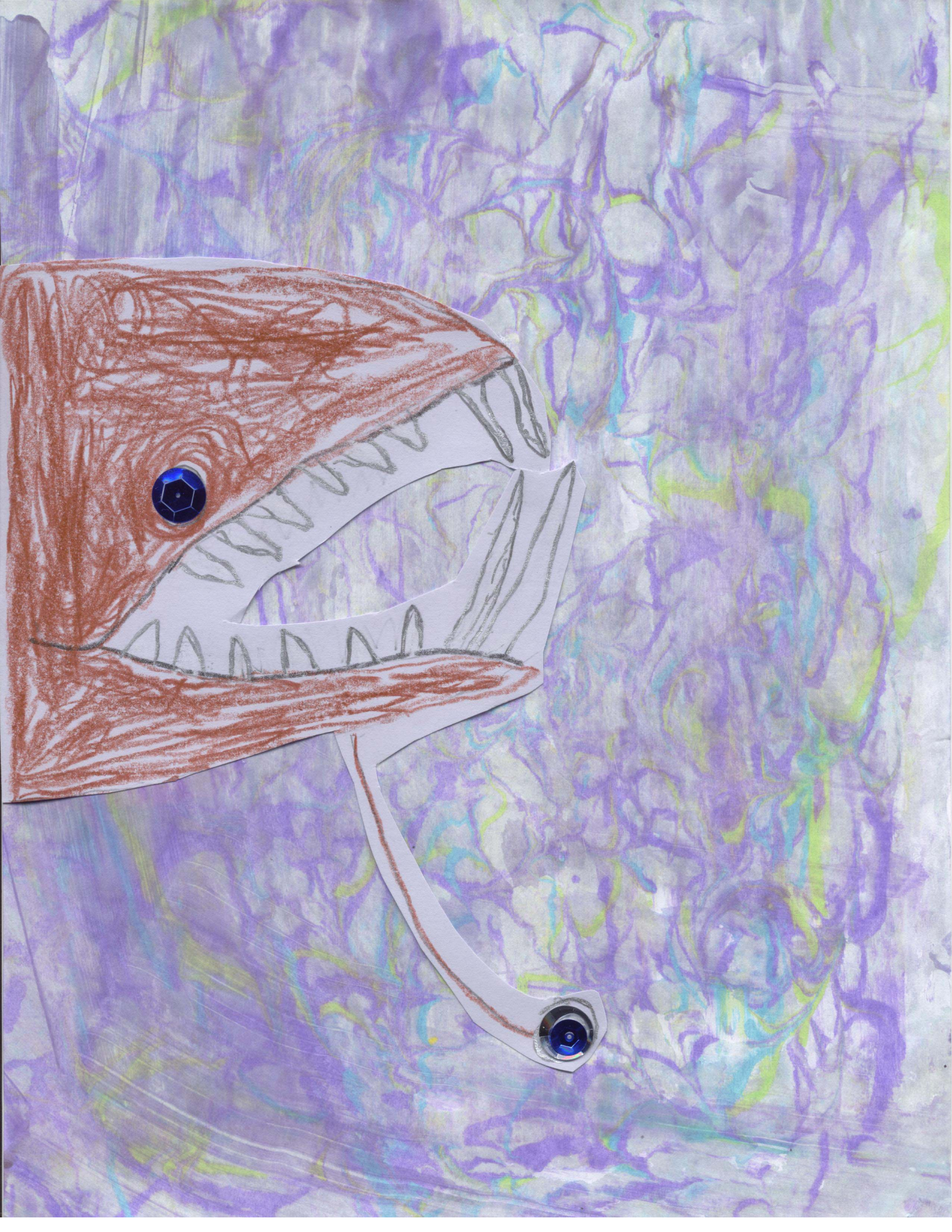




**T**here is a dragon fish with a glowing  
whisker on her chin and flashing  
lights along her body.

She gives me a toothy smile and swims  
off.







I know my adventure is over and my class will be finishing lunch. I go back up to the beach.

It was a cool, dark hour!







# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



**H**i, I'm Grace. I'm in second grade. One of my very favorite animals is an anglerfish.

I've studied anglerfish, and I think they're really interesting. Some interesting facts about anglerfish are that they have blue lights, only the females have lights, and the male attaches itself to a female when it finds one.

Even though some kids at school say they're creepy, I still think they're cool.

I have a book about William Beebe, the inventor of bathyspheres and the person who discovered anglerfish. It's a favorite book of mine.