

# The Mysterious Sea Bunny

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**Synopsis:** As an inch-long sea bunny makes its way slowly across the ocean floor, readers discover that there is a lot more to this sea slug species than meets the eye-which comes in handy when a predator swoops in!

**Suggested Reading Date:** April 3<sup>rd</sup> – World Aquatic Animal Day

### Activity Descriptions:

- Practice picking out facts from the text- you could take notes, create an information web
- Watch a video of the sea bunny to see it in its habitat
- Research other nudibranchs using the video and article links below- for a local connection the Puget Sound nudibranch story is great
- Collect adjectives that could be used to describe the sea bunny- at the end look at how many seem like ones that would usually be used for a sea creature
- Discuss whether the book is fiction or nonfiction. Have students explain what parts are fictional and what is factual. You could tie this to organization in the library.
- Make sea bunnies! Cotton balls for the body and gills, rhinophores from black chenille stems, and markings with a sharpie.

### Related Websites:

- Author Website- <http://www.raymundoarts.com>
- Story on Puget Sound nudibranchs – includes radio story, written article and pictures <https://www.kuow.org/stories/community-scientists-are-unlocking-the-secrets-of-puget-sound-sea-slugs>
- Video of Sea Bunny <https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/this-jorunna-sea-slug-looks-like-a-tiny-fluffy-sea-bunny>
- Video showing how another nudibranch eats poison to protect itself <https://thekidshouldseethis.com/post/these-stunning-sea-slugs-steal-weapons-from-their-hydrion-prey>
- Article from Hakai Magazine – includes amazing photographs of other nudibranchs (not the sea bunny) <https://hakimagazine.com/videos-visuals/nudibranchs-armed-and-fabulous/>

### Text to Text Connections:

*The Most Amazing Creature in the Sea* by Brenda Guiberson  
*Inky's Amazing Escape* by Sy Montgomery

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