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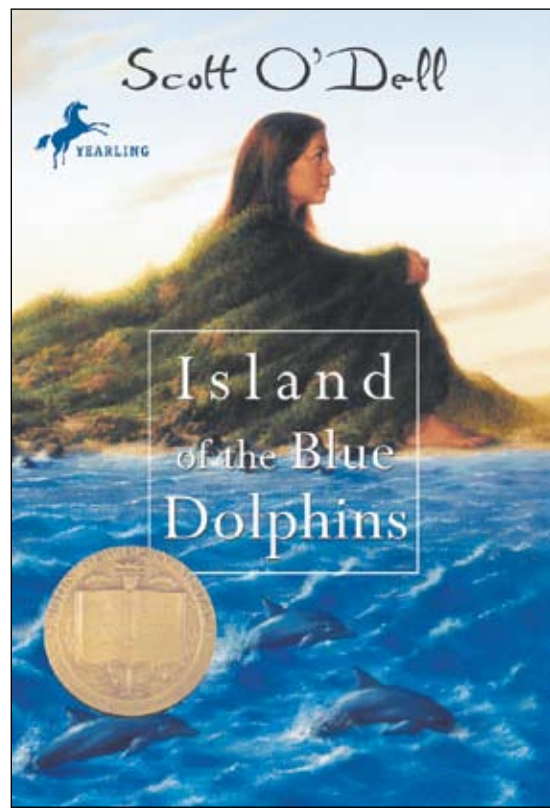
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This Month's Theme: "Island of the Blue Dolphins"



Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell, is a story of a young Native American girl left alone on an isolated island. It is based on the true story of Juana Maria or the "Lone Woman of San Nicholas Island," who lived alone for 18 years on one of the Channel Islands off the Santa Barbara coast. Members of the Santa Barbara Educators' Roundtable (www.sbert.org) have partnered with the Santa Barbara Symphony to create a community-wide celebration of the story of the Lone Woman of San Nicholas Island and of the Channel Islands during the months of March-May 2007. The current Santa Barbara Public Library family

selection for the Santa Barbara Reads program is also the *Island of the Blue Dolphins* book.

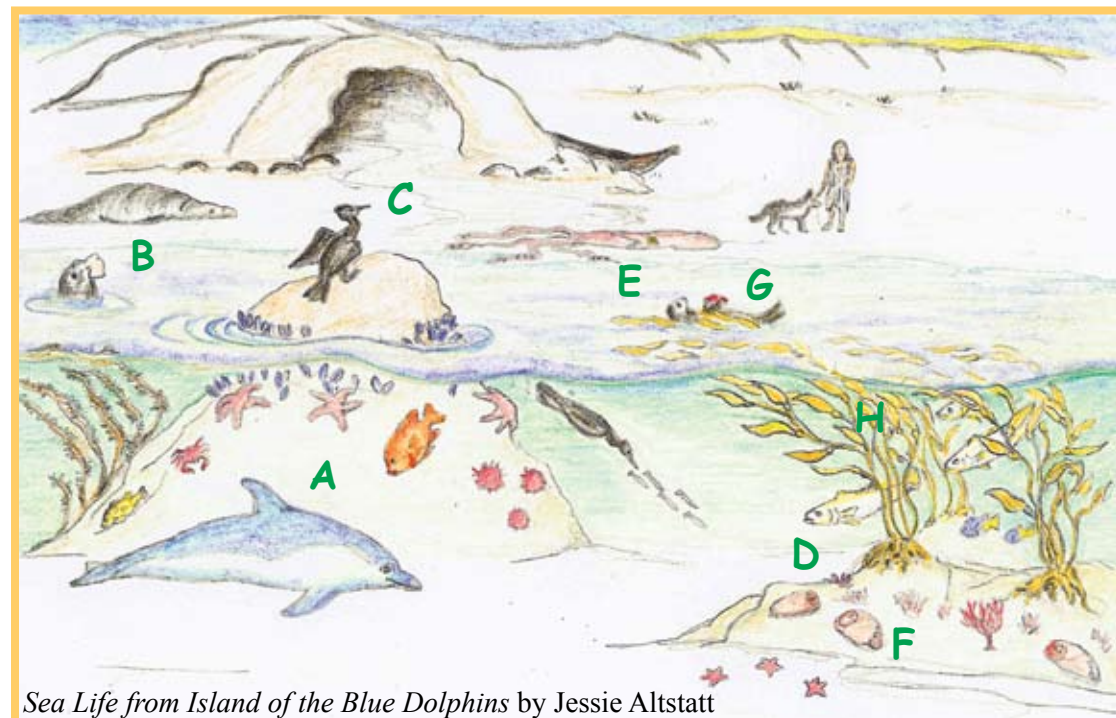
There are displays, programs and teacher's guides related to this book and island project. Students (K-6) may use the SBER Passport distributed at local schools, libraries, and on the web at www.sbert.org for free entrance to these activities through April 30, 2007. Teacher's guides for several exhibits and projects are available on the Symphony web page: www.thesymphony.org/teachers.htm

A selection of upcoming events related to the Island of the Blue Dolphins is listed below. More events can be found at: www.sbpblibrary.org

- April 10 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m. From Shore to Sea Lecture Series at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum: The Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island. Steven Schwartz. (<http://channelislands.noaa.gov/focus/calendar.html>)
- April 24 (Tues.) 3:30 p.m. Central Library: Meet the real Nemo. Presentation by Annie Crawley.
- April 26 (Thurs) 7:00 p.m. Central Library: Exploring the Channel Islands, The Fiji of California. By Annie Crawley.
- May 6 (Sun.) 3:00 p.m. Lobero Theater: Storytelling in Music. Island of the Blue Dolphins Symphony. Call 805-963-0761 for ticket information.

Island of the Blue Dolphins Sea Life Puzzle

Instructions: Unscramble the letters in the puzzle to match the names of the animals in the sea life picture. Use the letters in the numbered boxes to spell the name of the main character in the story in the bottom set of boxes.

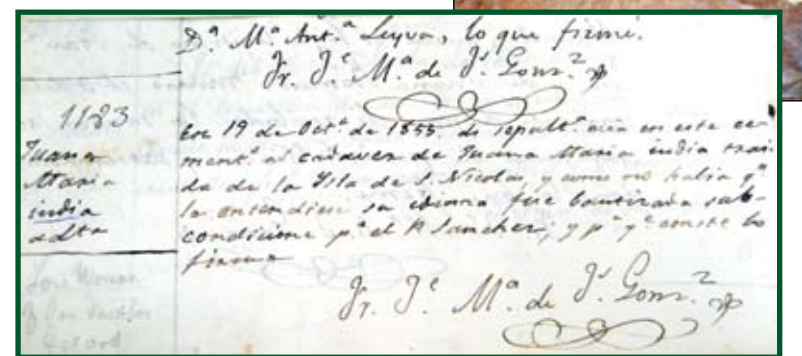


Sea Life from Island of the Blue Dolphins by Jessie Altstatt

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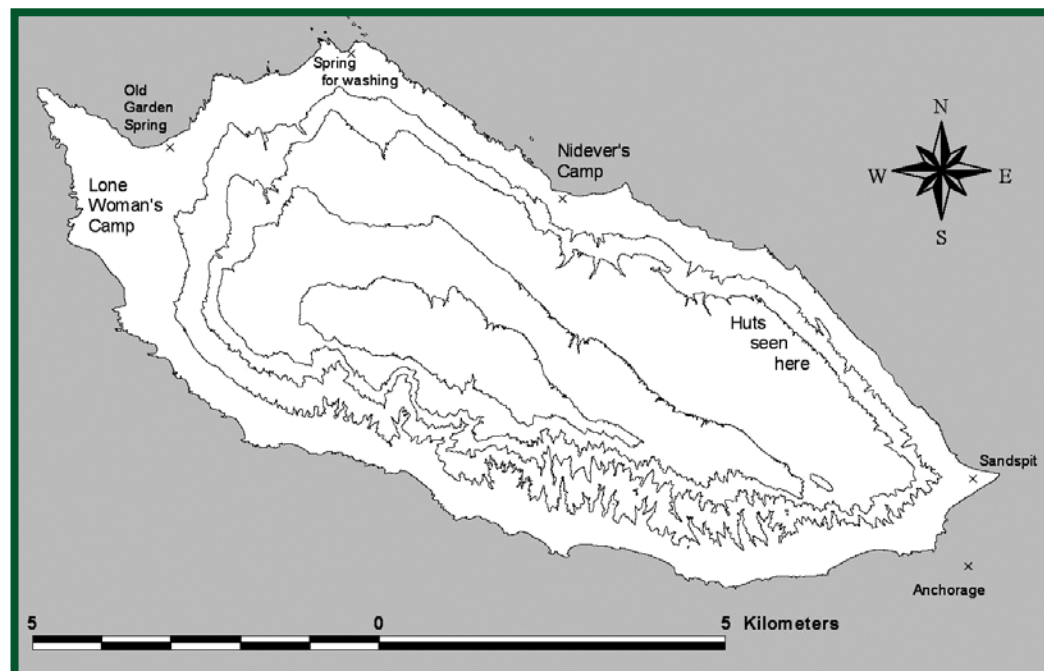
What is the name of the main character in the book?

The only official record (below) of the Lone Woman of San Nicholas Island is the Oct. 19, 1855 entry in the old leather book (right) of baptisms and deaths at Mission Santa Barbara.



Although the public cannot visit San Nicolas Island because it is owned by the Navy, visitors are able to explore, snorkel, whale-watch, hike, and camp on the five Channel Islands and surrounding waters of the Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary. For more information, please go to <http://www.nps.gov/chis> and <http://channelislands.noaa.gov>

The map below shows the island of San Nicolas and some of the key locations highlighted in the book.



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Answer Key: A. Dolphin, B. Sea Elephant, C. Cormorant, D. White Bass, E. Devilfish, F. Abalone, G. Sea Otter, H. Kelp, Main character: Karana.

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