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Julie Thorndyke loves to spend each summer at a quiet beach-side town north of Sydney. It is an area rich in native wildlife. Although most Australian animals are nocturnal and elusive during the daylight hours, sometimes Julie and her family will encounter a hungry goanna on the bush track behind the house, spot a koala high up in a gum tree, or meet a dingo in the sand dunes. One memorable morning, a python caught a pigeon on their roof and swallowed it whole for breakfast!

Read more of Julie's stories and poems at jthorndyke.wordpress.com
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Nandina Vines is an Illustrator living in the Hunter Valley, Australia. Her work is influenced by the bushland that surrounds her home and by the coast where she grew up. Australian native flora and fauna feature in her work along with a love of illustrating her horses, cats and dogs. Primarily a digital based artist, Nandina has an eye for detail, which she combines with a painterly style to create scenes that make her work come alive.

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WATCHING THROUGH THE DAY



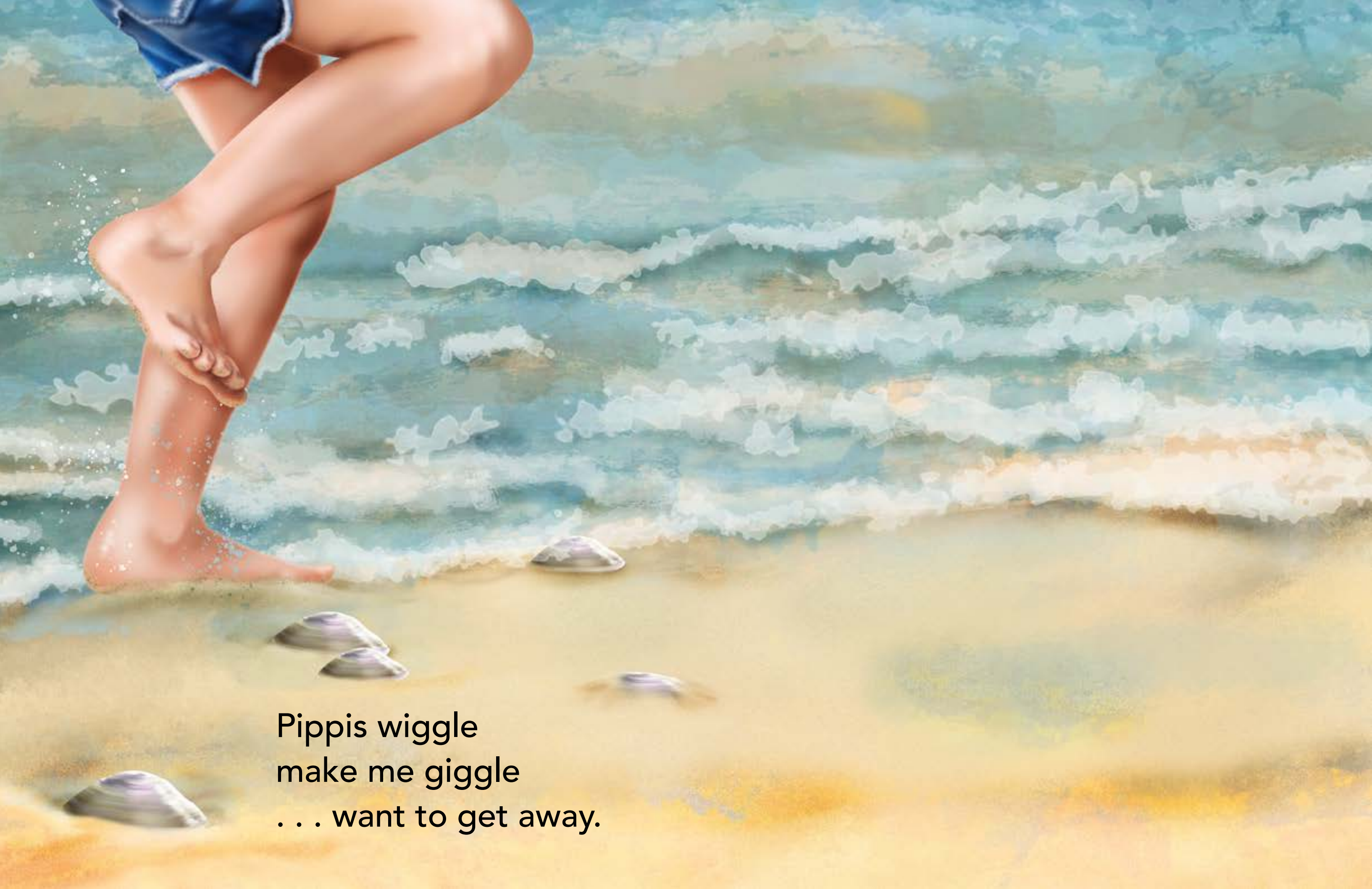
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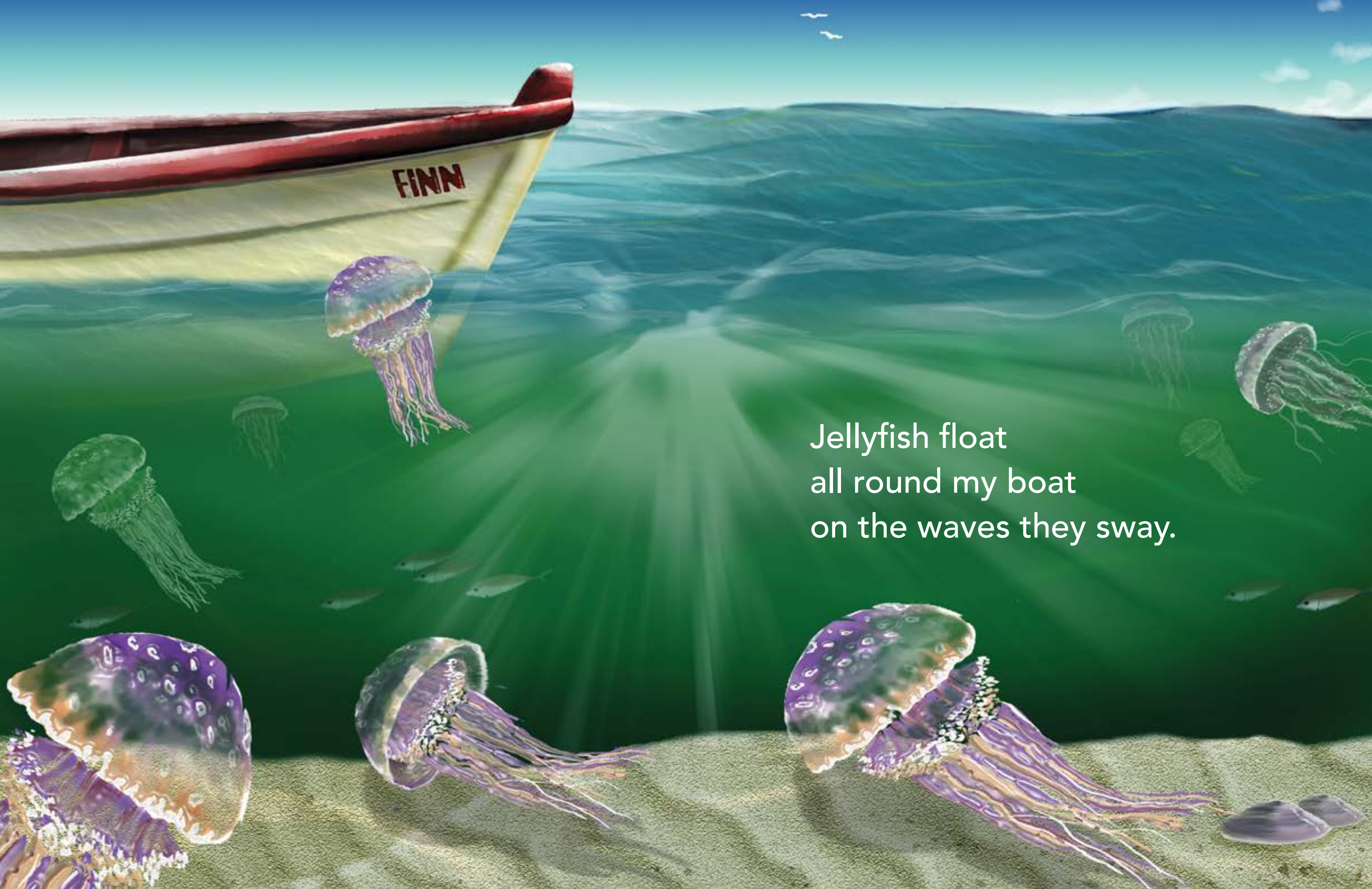
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Soldier crabs run
in the hot sun
watching through the day.



Pippis wiggle
make me giggle
. . . want to get away.



Jellyfish float
all round my boat
on the waves they sway.

Tiny white fish—
quickly vanish!
Swimming through the day.

