



## “Pete the Cat Scuba-Cat”

By James Dean

Pete the cat is ready to become a scuba-cat in this “under the seas” adventure. Before he hits the water, Captain Joe tells him about the sea animals he will meet. Pete is excited to see all the different creatures that live in the sea, but he is really looking forward to find a seahorse! But when he is suited up and swimming around, he has to search high and low to find it.

### Before you read this book:

Discuss what scuba diving is. What do you think Pete the Cat will see down in the ocean? Have you ever seen sea creatures? How about a seahorse? What do they look like? Pete the Cat has never seen one. On page 8, Captain Joe says that their ridges look like a horse’s mane. But he did not mention their size! What size do you think a seahorse is?

### While you read this book:

Look for the same “sea creature” hidden on each page while Pete was in the ocean. Don’t mention that it is a seahorse until the end of the story. How does Pete feel when he sees each sea life? Talk about his emotions – excited, surprised, scared.

### After you read this book:

- Discuss what scuba divers wear. How do you think Pete the Cat feels about scuba diving?
- What sea creature did Pete want to see the most?
- What other sea creatures did Pete see? The last page of the book shows all the creatures that Pete encountered – swordfish, sting ray, blow fish, octopus, crab, eel, jelly fish, angelfish, whale, sea turtle, seahorse.
- What would be your favorite sea creature?

### Try this at home:

- Discuss sea creatures.
- Draw sea animals that were featured in the story. See last page of book.
- Check out books at your local library to explore scuba diving and sea life.

### Additional Resources:

“Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach” by James Dean

“Hello Ocean” by Pam Munoz Ryan

“National Geographic Kids Readers: Coral Reefs”