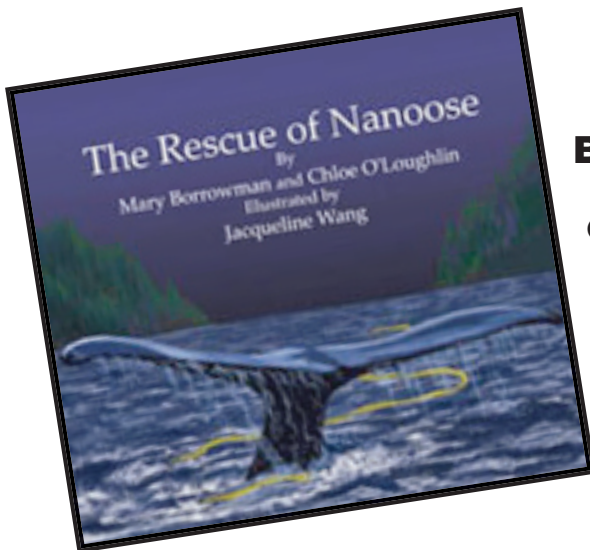


# *The Rescue of Nanoose*

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## **BOOK SUMMARY:**

On September 23, 1994, the residents of Telegraph Cove, British Columbia undertook the rescue of a humpback whale, later named Nanoose. The whale had become hopelessly entangled in a rope that had fallen off a fishing boat. This is the true story of the fortunate whale who was able to joyfully taste freedom again thanks to the brave efforts of Captain Mike Durban and Captain Jim Borrowman.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[http://www.touchwoodeditions.com/summary\\_TWbooks/rescuenanoose.htm](http://www.touchwoodeditions.com/summary_TWbooks/rescuenanoose.htm)

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## **SUGGESTIONS FOR TUTORS/INSTRUCTORS**

Consult “Tips & Tools For Successful Book Discussion” for more ideas – linked to the Golden Oak home page and included in the hard copy GO kit.

## **PRE-READING QUESTIONS**

- Have you ever seen a whale? If so, where, and what do you remember about it? Have you, or has anyone you know, ever been on a whale watching boat tour?
- Use an atlas to locate Telegraph Cove, British Columbia. Find out more about Telegraph Cove by visiting the website: <http://www.telegraphcove.ca/tcv/>
- Use an encyclopedia to find information about humpback whales and orca whales. See if you can also find information about the Pacific white-sided dolphins.
- Learn more about humpback whales by visiting the websites: <http://www.zoomwhales.com/subjects/whales/species/Humpbackwhale.shtml>  
[http://www.kidsplanet.org/factsheets/humpback\\_whale.html](http://www.kidsplanet.org/factsheets/humpback_whale.html)
- Learn more about orca whales by visiting the websites: <http://www.nature.ca/notebooks/english/orca.htm>  
<http://www.zoomwhales.com/subjects/whales/species/Orca.shtml>
- Pacific white-sided dolphins are another type of marine mammal mentioned in the story. Learn more about them by visiting the website:  
<http://www.exn.ca/stories/1999/07/12/54.asp>

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What has happened to the whale in the story?
2. What will happen if the whale cannot break free of the ropes?
3. How do whales breathe?
4. How does Jim try to save the whale? Why doesn't it work?
5. How do Jim and Mike find the whale after she does a deep dive?

6. How does Mike try to communicate with the whale?
7. Do you think that the whale understands Mike?
8. Jim and Mike try very hard to save the whale. Why do you think it is so important to them?
9. What do you think of Mike's rescue? Was he brave? What might have happened to him in the water?
10. Why does Captain Jim not get as excited as the other people about the whale being freed? What makes him feel better?
11. What does “Nanoose” mean? Do you think Nanoose is a good name for this whale?

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Find out more about Captain Jim and Captain Mike's whale watching businesses by visiting their websites at:

- <http://www.stubbs-island.com/>
- <http://www.bluefordcharters.com>