



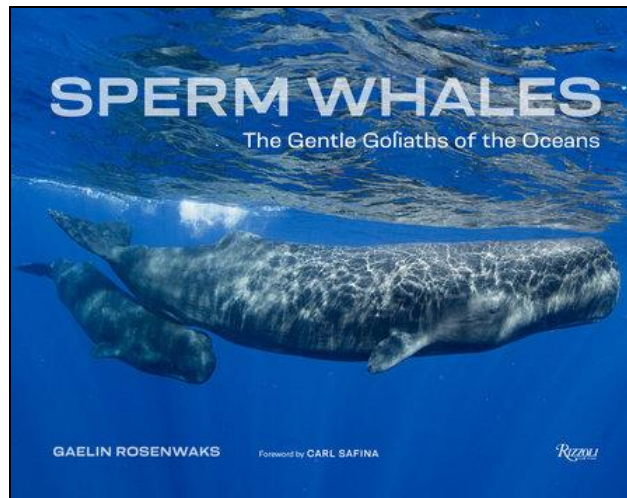
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## SPERM WHALES: The Gentle Goliaths of the Oceans

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For centuries, the sperm whale has fascinated us—the world’s largest toothed predator. Like many of our co-inhabitants on the planet, sperm whales were nearly hunted to the brink of extinction. While the most famous sperm whale of all is Moby Dick, it was a young male nicknamed Physty—who fell ill in the early 1980s and came ashore just off Long Island, New York that captured the heart of Gaelin Rosenwaks and started her on a career in marine science—studying, protecting, and documenting the world’s most marvelous ocean species. SPERM WHALES: THE GENTLE GOLIATHS OF THE OCEANS is a beautiful look at these magnificent animals. In the waters off Dominica, Rosenwaks observed—eye to eye—the close bond between mother and child firsthand. What she found is that these animals live in matriarchal family units made up of remarkable females that stay together for generations. Like elephants and humans, they take care of one another. She was able to document them sleeping, playing, nursing, and so much more about their vibrant lives both under the sea, and above it. Through her breathtaking photography and inspiring words, readers can join Rosenwaks and the whales and be inspired to help save them for future generations.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: **Gaelin Rosenwaks** is a marine scientist, explorer, photographer, filmmaker, and founder of Global Ocean Exploration, which conducts expeditions to alert the public to the challenges facing our oceans. She has appeared as an expert on the Discovery Channel, the Science Channel, CBS News, and the National Geographic Channel. Her forthcoming documentary, *Finding Physty*, will release in 2022. **Carl Safina**'s nonfiction about the living world has won him a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant," as well as Pew, Guggenheim, and National Science Foundation fellowships. His writing appears in the *New York Times*, *Time*, *Audubon*, and *National Geographic*, and he hosts a PBS series entitled *Saving the Ocean*.

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Physty was a young sperm whale who fell ill and beached himself on the shores of Long Island, New York. A group of veterinarians worked tirelessly to return Physty back to health. Gaelin Rosenwaks, then a toddler, visited this whale daily with her mother and brother. She loved the whale and seeing it sparked a curiosity about the underwater world that propelled her into a career of marine science, ocean exploration, and conservation. Like Gaelin, young sperm whales are nurtured by their mothers, creating a lifelong bond. In *Finding Physty*, Gaelin takes you on a journey to reconnect with these fabled giants and reveal the incredible matrilineal bond between whales. As her mom inspired her as a child, Gaelin brings her mother to the waters of Dominica to introduce her to the underwater world of sperm whales.