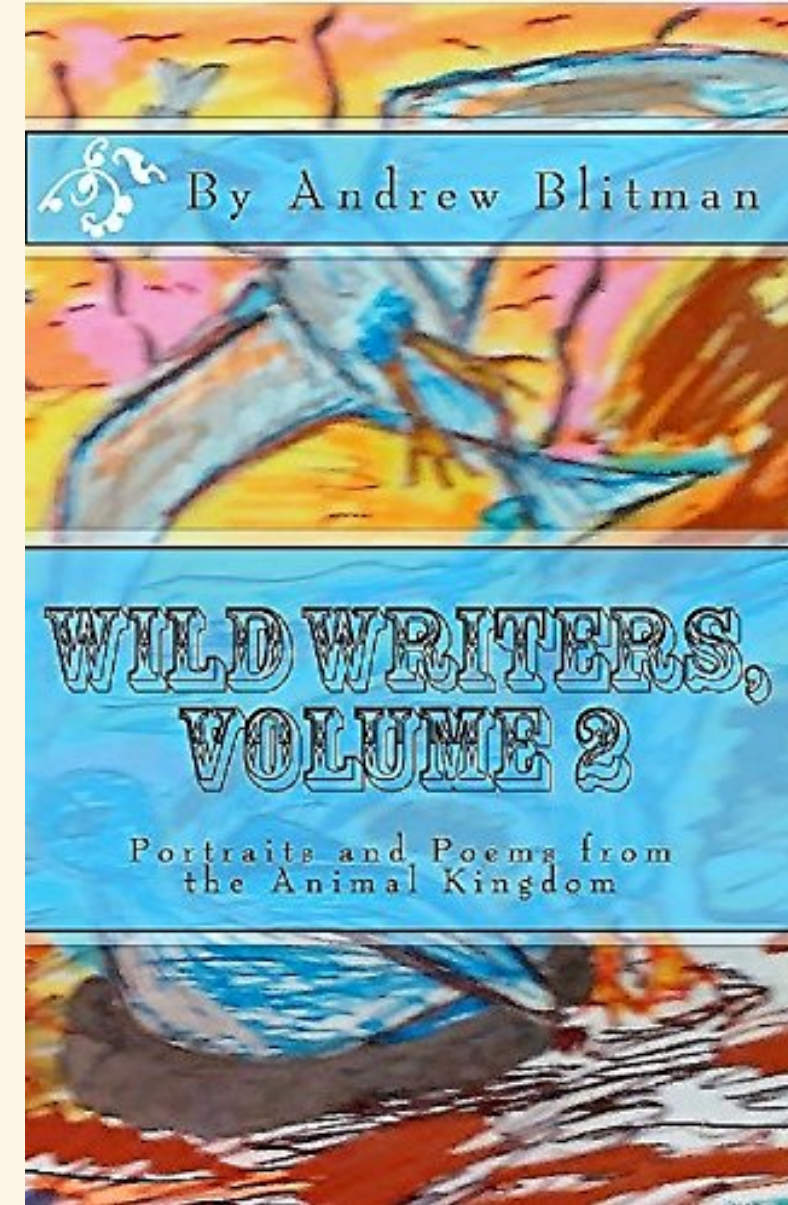




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The Animal World's
Greatest Poets

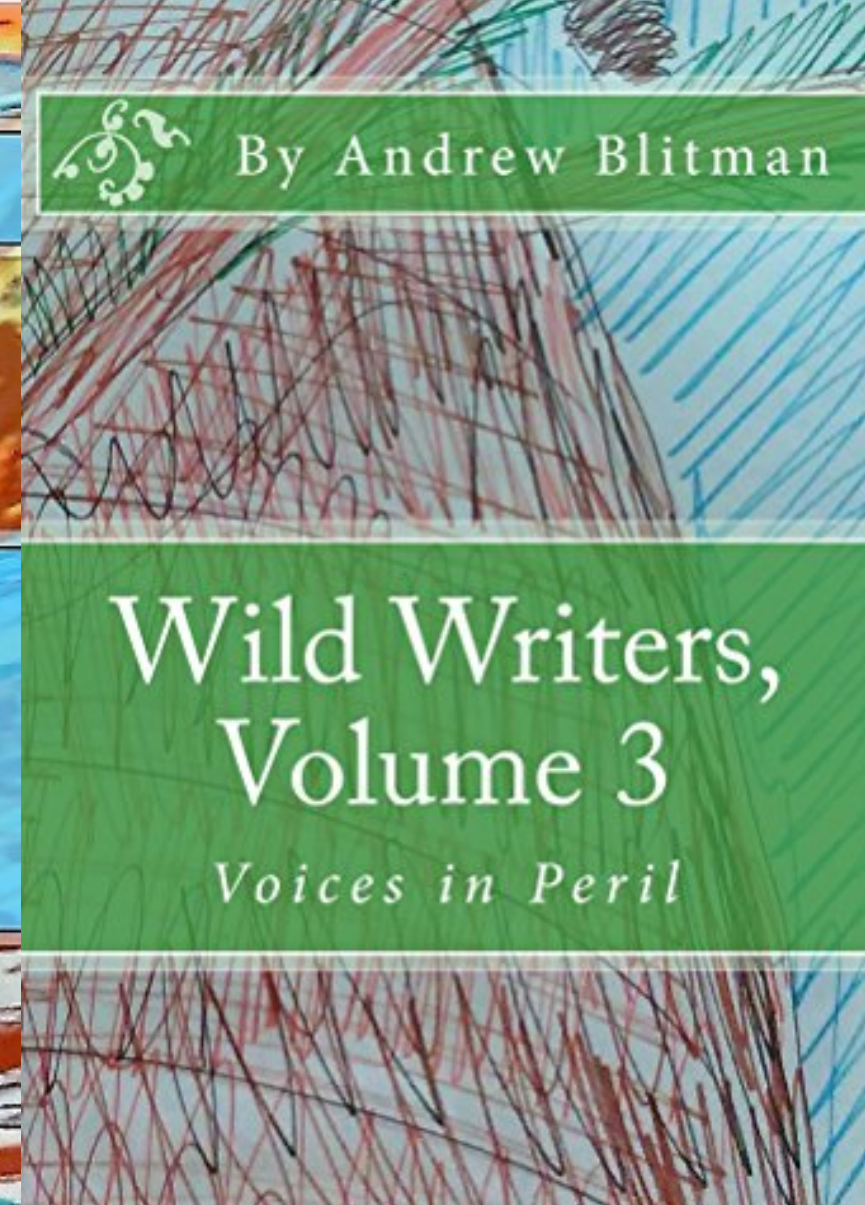
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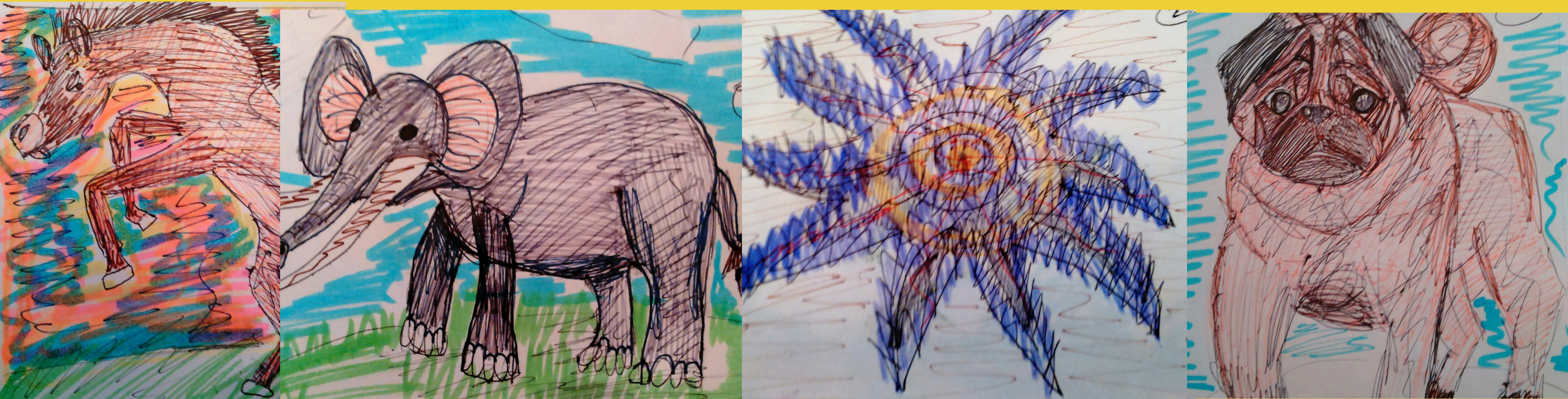
Poetry. Art. Nature. Science. Imagination. Conversation.



Welcome to Wild Writers

What if the animals and plants around us could tell us their stories?

What would a horse, elephant, starfish, pet, parasite or endangered species say if we gave it a human voice?



Wild Writers uses poetry and art to imagine those conversations and invite us to look more closely at the living world around us.

This guide is designed to help you explore those ideas, reflect on the poems and artwork, and start conversations of your own

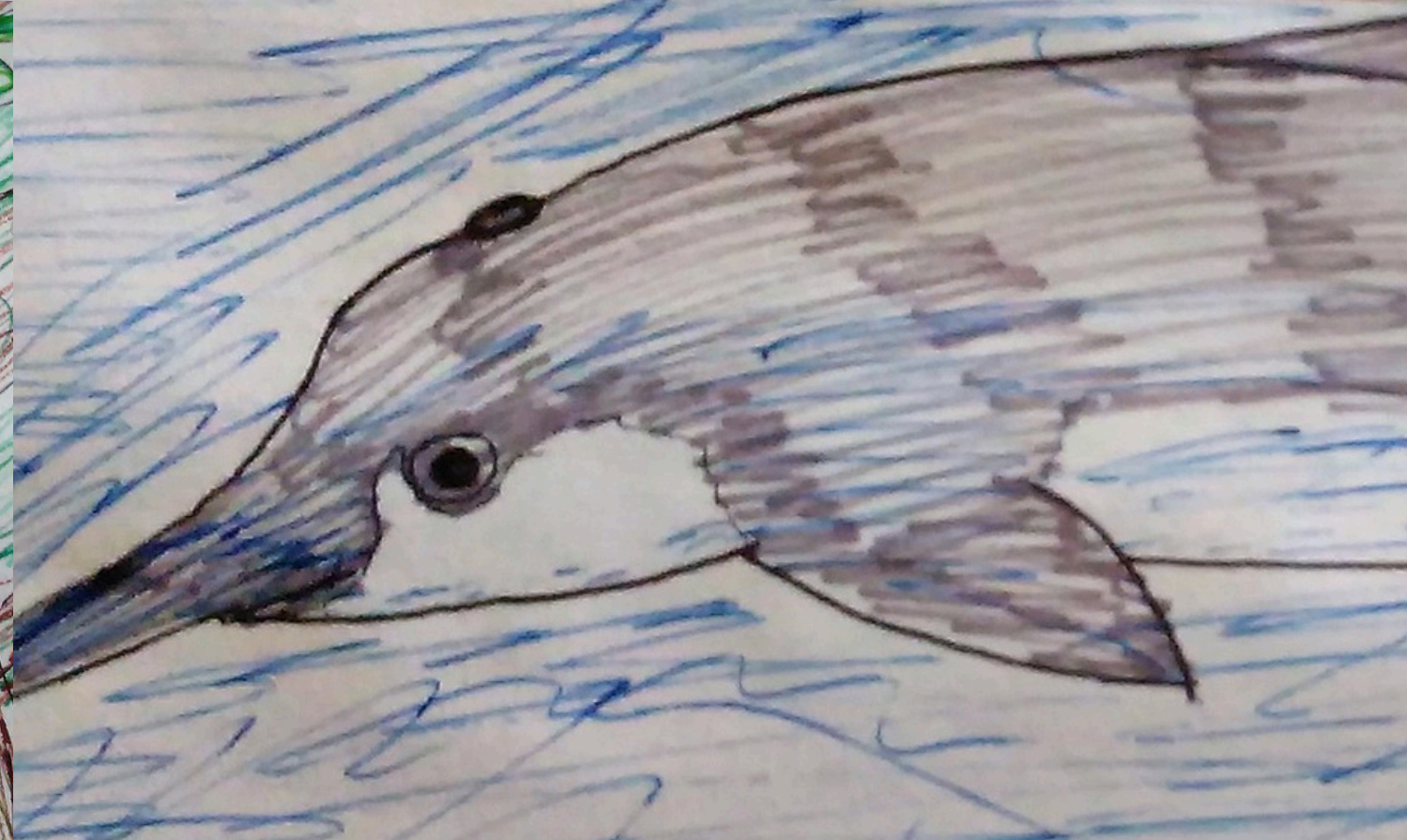
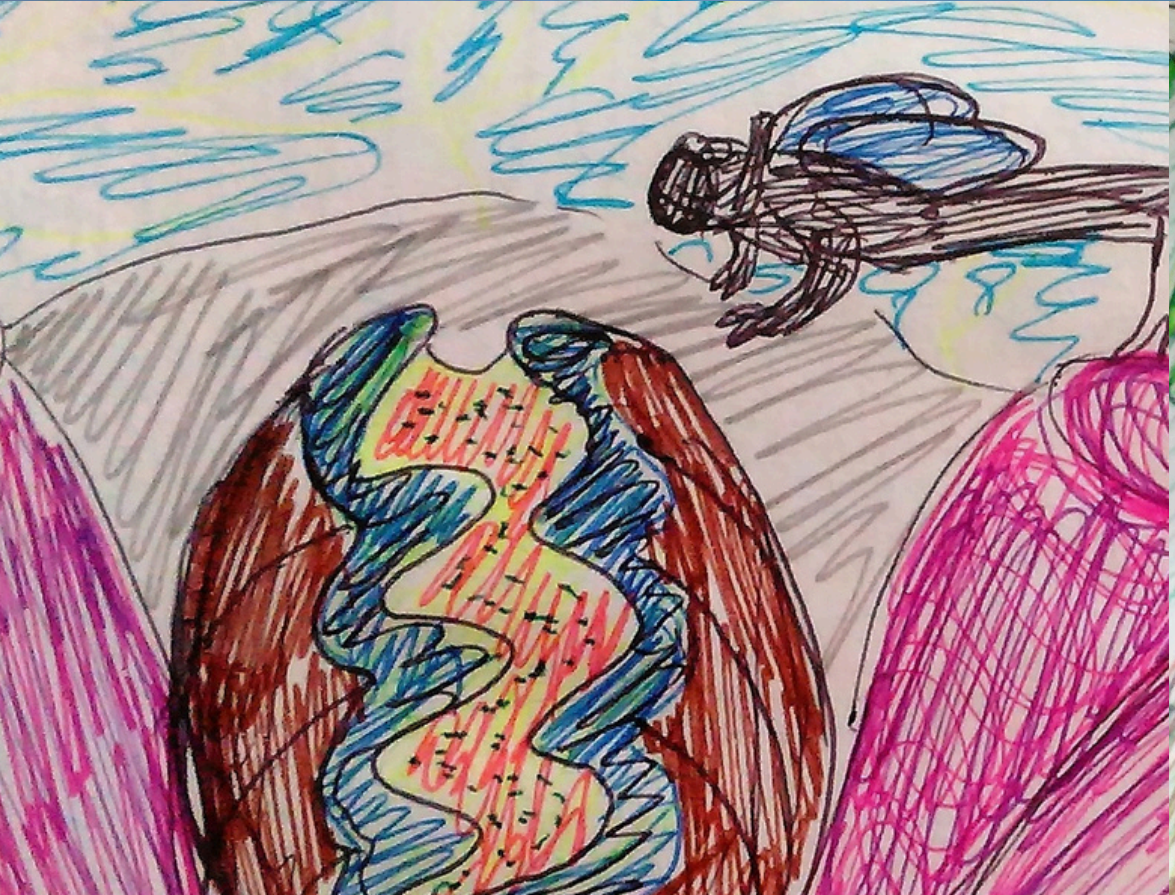


1. If animals could speak, which animal would you most want to interview? Why?
2. Do you think humans understand animals as well as we think we do?
3. Is there an animal, plant or creature you once ignored but later became fascinated by?
4. What makes something worthy of protection?
5. Can art teach us something that scientific information alone cannot?
6. Do you think poetry can communicate scientific or environmental ideas?
7. What would you expect a book called Wild Writers to contain?



MEET THE WILD WRITERS

Poetry + Art + Science + Nature + Imagination



When Nature Gets a Voice

What happens when we imagine the world from another creature's perspective?



survival;
beauty;
vulnerability;
intelligence;
relationships;
extinction;
conservation;
curiosity;
and the value of life.



AS YOU READ, NOTICE:

THE VOICE

Who appears to be speaking?

THE PERSPECTIVE

What changes when the subject is viewed from the creature's perspective?

THE ART

How does the artwork influence your understanding of the poem?

THE EMOTION

Does the poem make you feel curiosity, humor, sadness, wonder, empathy or something else?

THE SCIENCE

Did a poem make you want to learn more about a species?

THE QUESTION

Did any poem leave you with a question rather than an answer?

STEP INTO THEIR WORLD

*Choose one animal, plant or creature from the book.
Now imagine that you are that living thing.*

Ask yourself:

Where do you live?

What do you need to survive?

What threatens you?

What do humans misunderstand about you?

What would you want humans to know?

What would you protect?

What would you fear losing?

What would you say if you had one opportunity to speak directly to a human being?

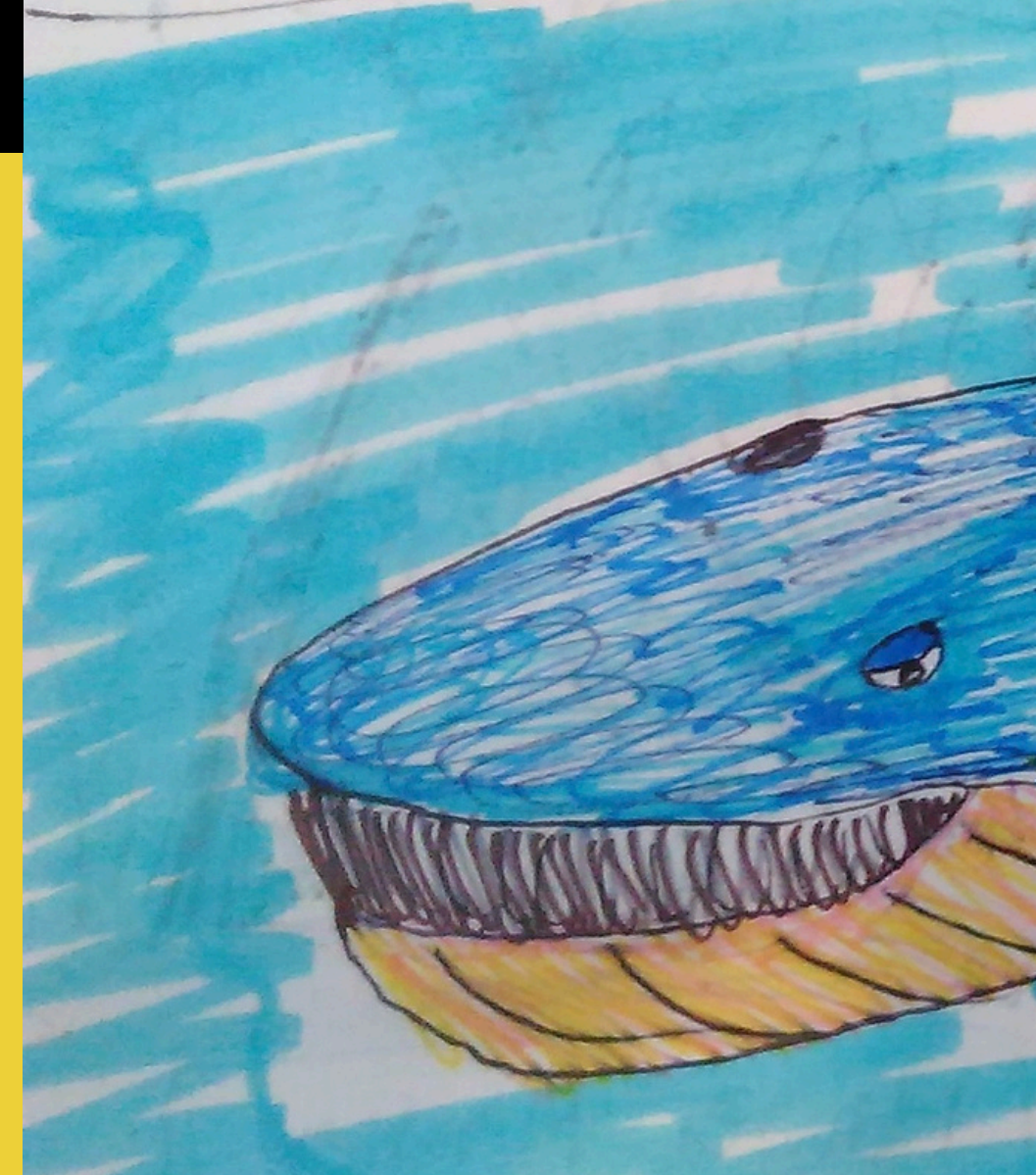




IF I COULD SPEAK...

I am: _____

The one thing I want humans to understand is:





LOOK AT THE ART

Before reading the poem, look at the artwork.

What do you notice?

Then read the poem.

Did your interpretation change?

QUESTIONS

What detail in the artwork caught your attention?

Does the artwork change the mood of the poem?

Would you interpret the poem differently without the artwork?

Which combination of poem and artwork stayed with you longest?

What would you have illustrated differently?



GO DEEPER

Choose one creature mentioned in Wild Writers and investigate it.



Find out:

Where does it live?

What does it eat?

How does it survive?

What threats does it face?

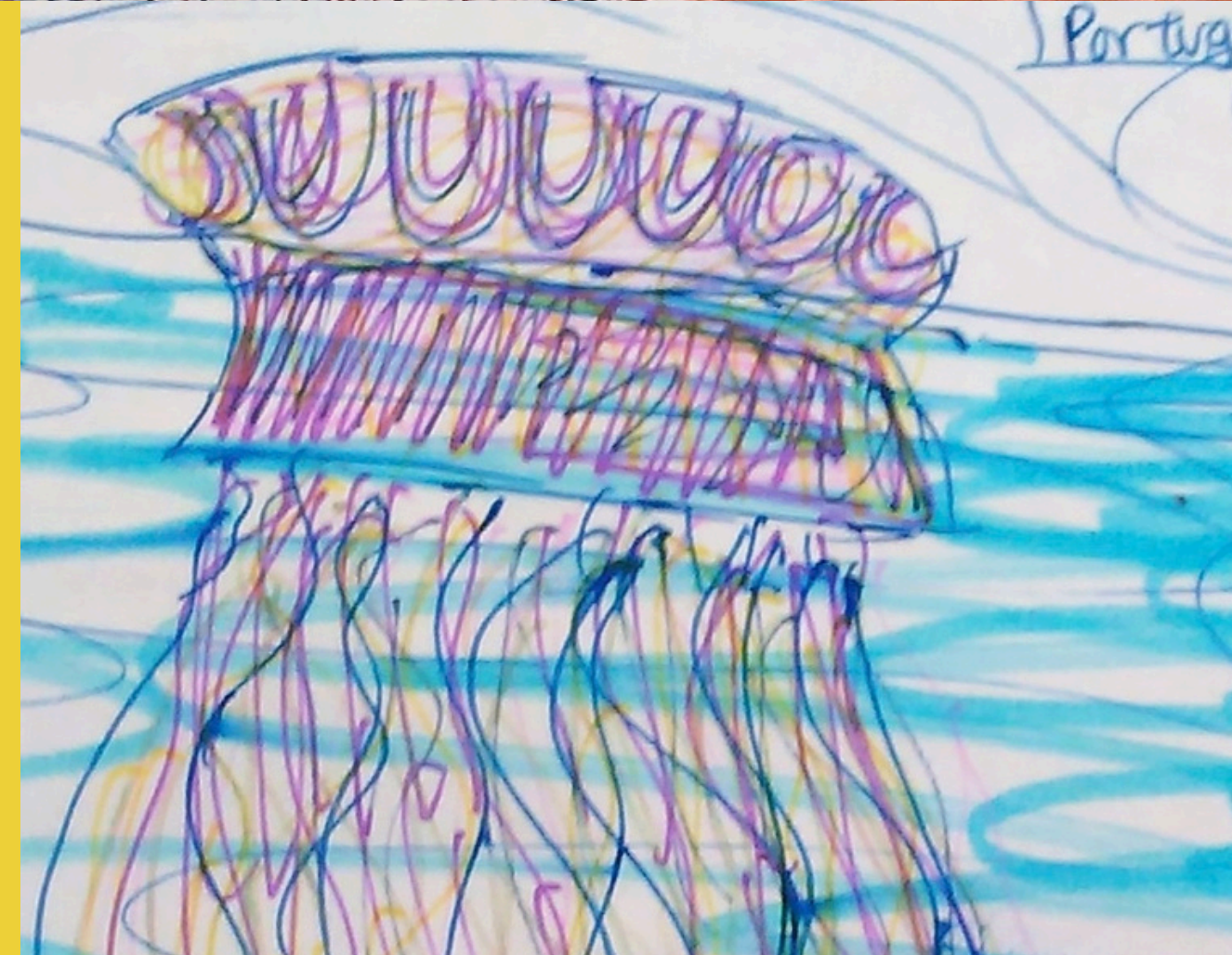


Is it endangered, threatened or stable?
What role does it play in its ecosystem?
What surprising fact did you discover?

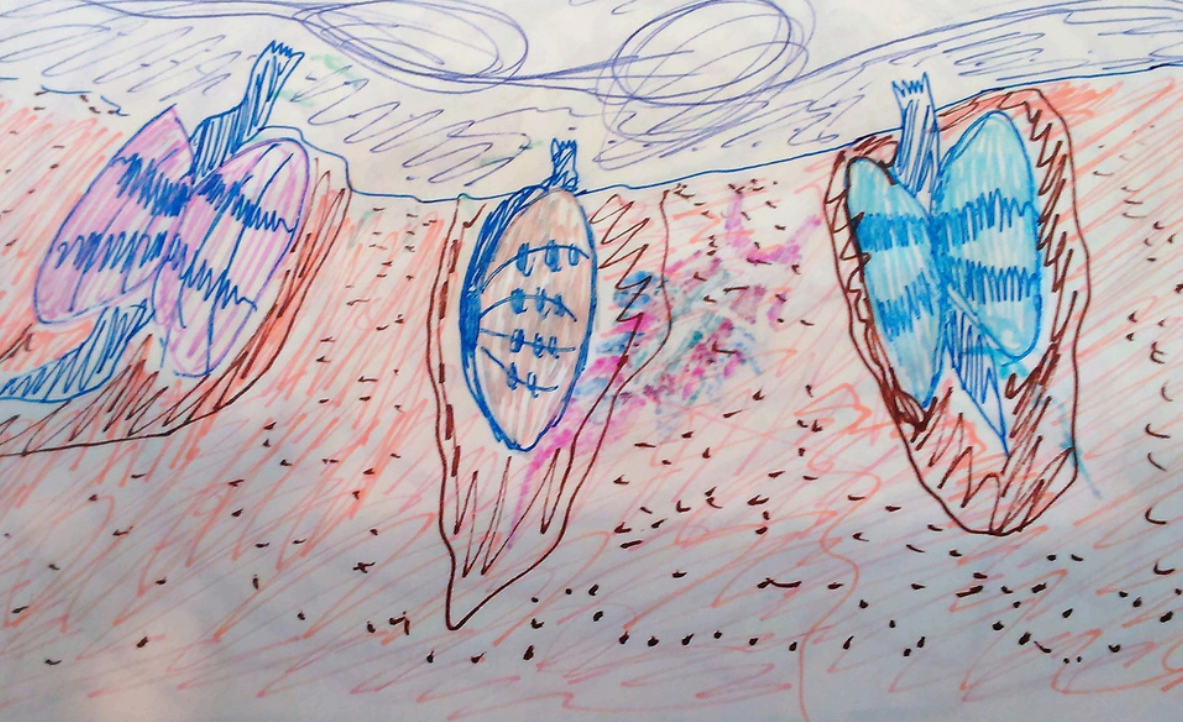
Then:

SOMETHING I DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE

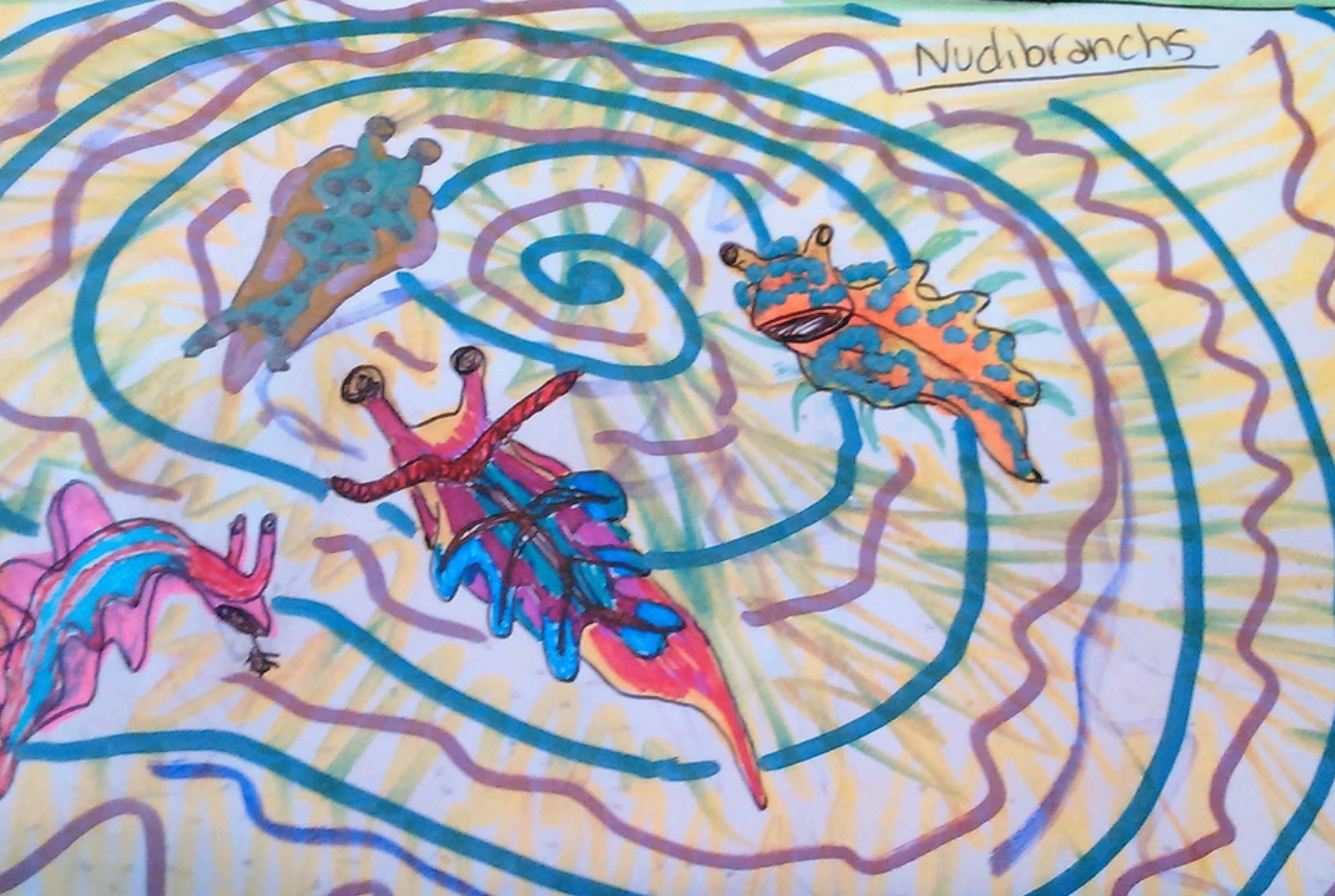
Write down one fact you discovered.



Should humans protect nature simply because it is useful to us, or does nature have value beyond its usefulness to humans?



What makes a species valuable?
Does something have to be beautiful to deserve protection?
How should humans think about endangered species?
What happens when a species disappears?
Can learning about an animal change how we treat it?
What responsibility do humans have toward other forms of life?



THE BIG QUESTIONS

Life

What does it mean for something to be alive?

Intelligence

Does intelligence have to look human?

Sentience

How should humans think about the possibility that other creatures experience the world in ways we do not fully understand?



Science

Can science increase our sense of wonder?

Faith

Can scientific discovery and faith exist in conversation with one another?

Humanity

What can humans learn from other species?



WARM-UP

Which poem caught your attention first?

Which creature would you most want to meet?

Which artwork stood out to you?

GO DEEPER

What changes when an animal is given a voice?

Did any poem change the way you think about a particular species?

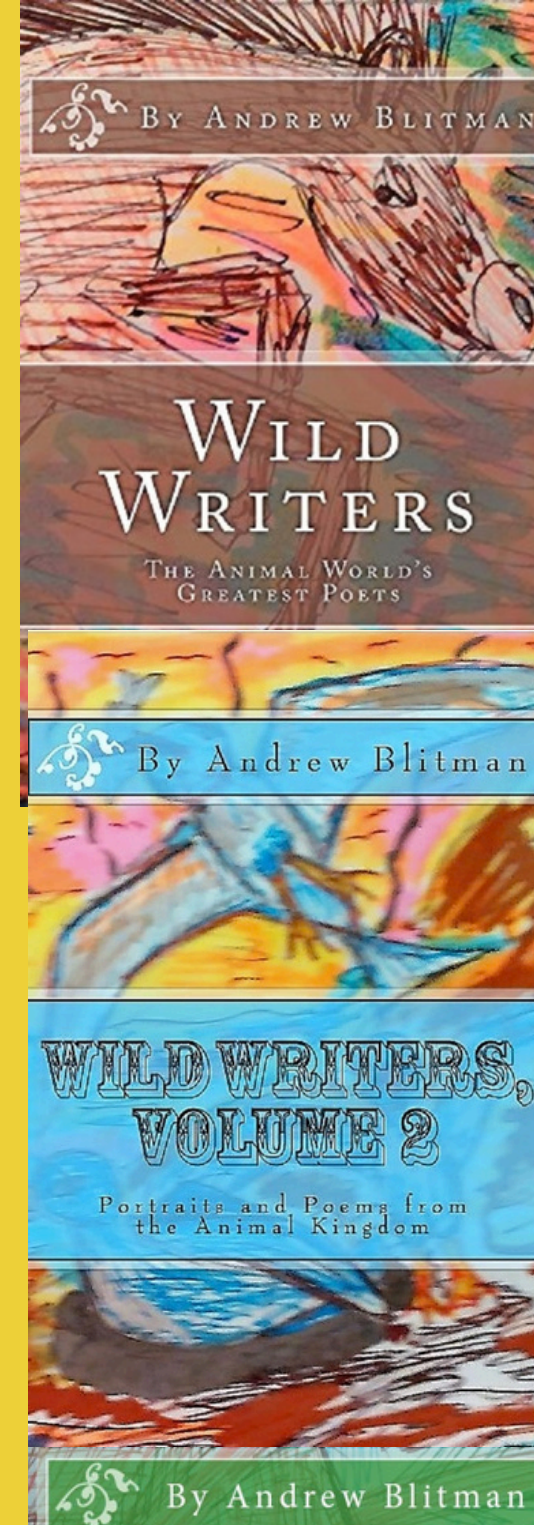
Which poem created the strongest emotional reaction?

SCIENCE & NATURE

Did the book make you want to research anything?

What did you learn that surprised you?

How can science influence the way we understand nature?



HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY

What responsibility do humans have toward other species?

Should humans intervene when another species is threatened?

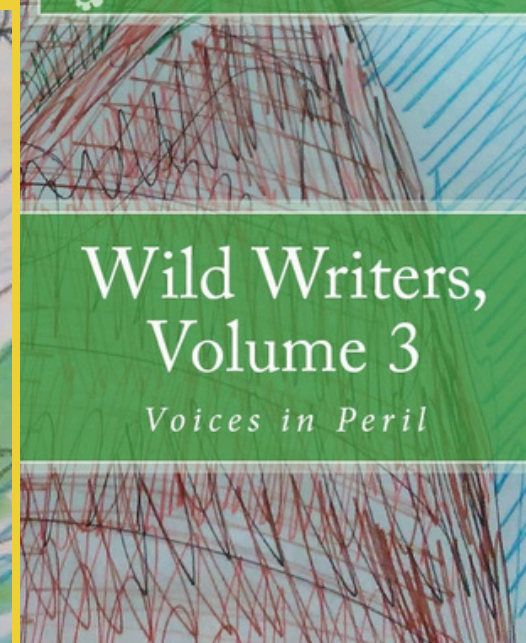
What does conservation mean to you?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Did the book change the way you look at animals or nature?

Which idea will stay with you?

What question are you still thinking about?





BECOME A WILD WRITER

Choose an animal, plant or other living thing.
Write a short poem from its perspective.

I am _____.

Humans think I _____.

What they don't know is _____.

If I could tell them one thing, I would say _____.

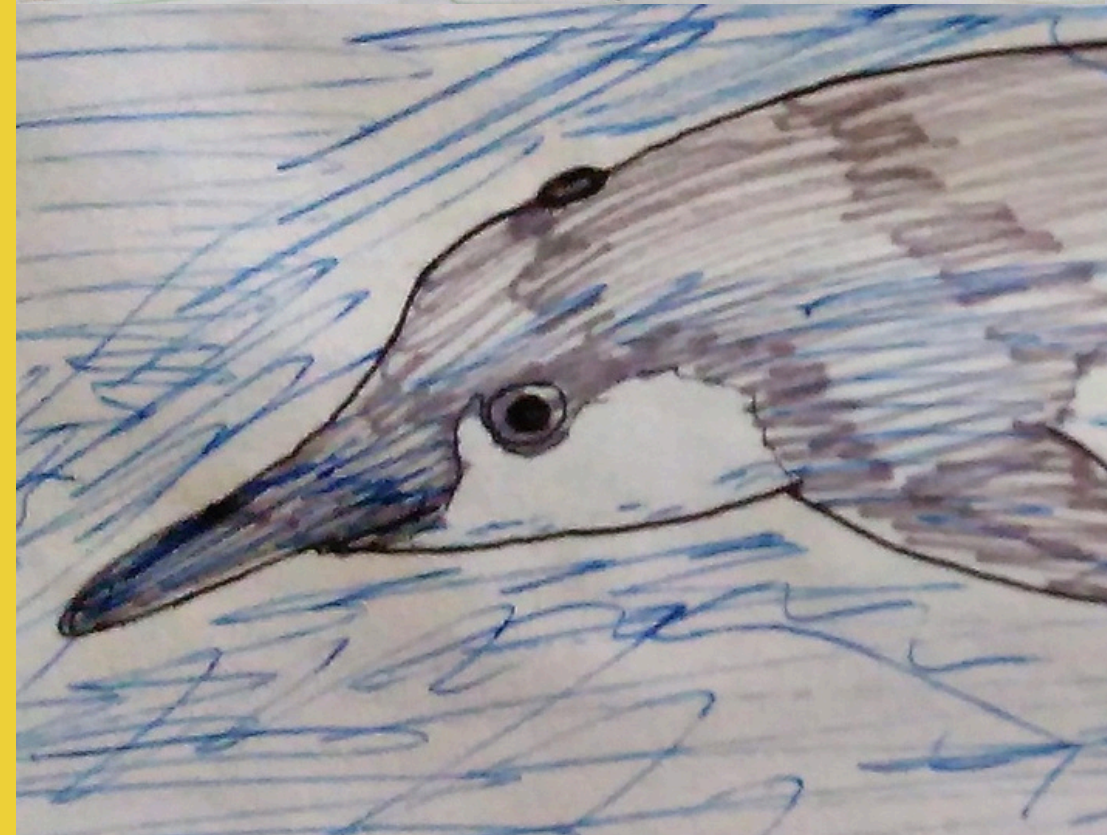
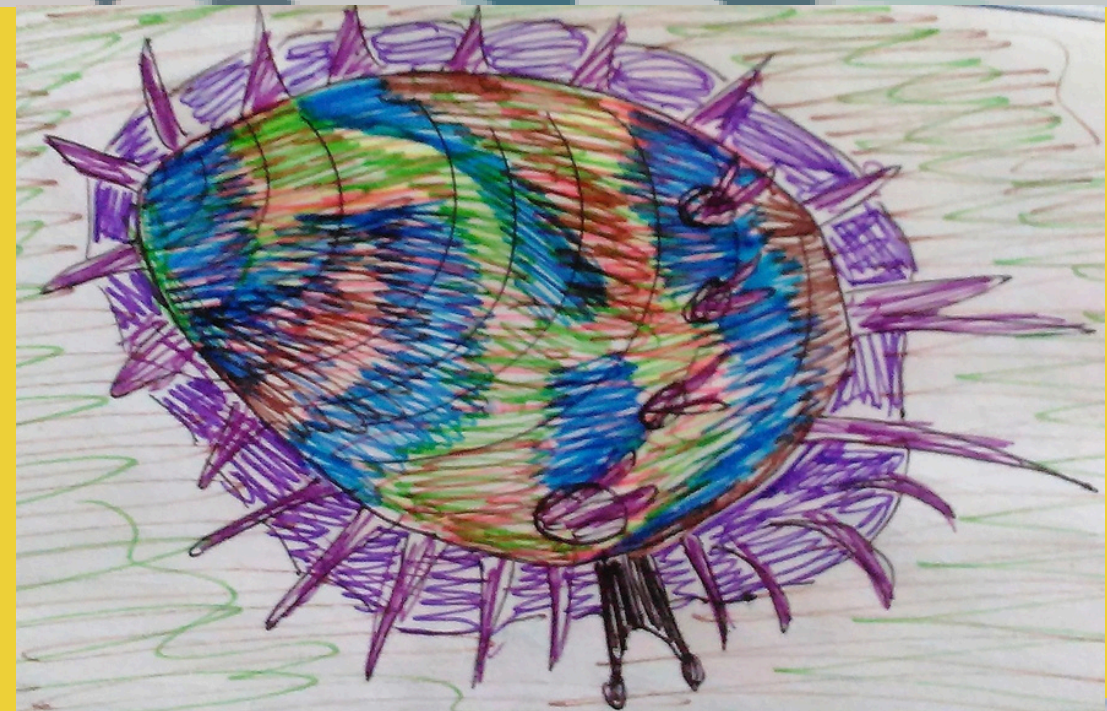




KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

After completing your poem:

- share it with your book club;
- discuss it with a friend;
- compare different perspectives;
- research the creature you selected;
- create artwork to accompany your poem.



HOW WILD WRITERS CAME TO BE

THE JOURNEY

2016

The original Wild Writers project begins.



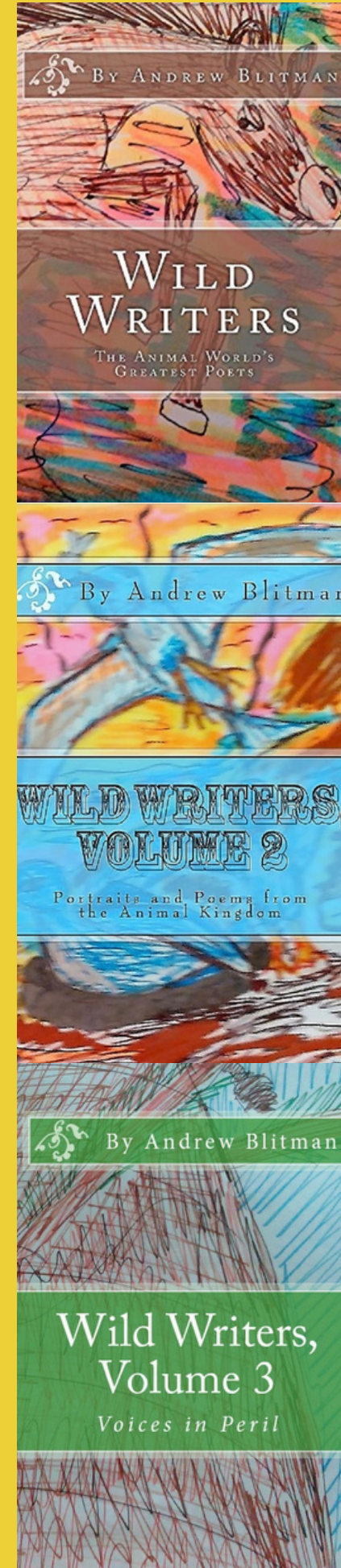
The Inspiration

I began working at the Museum of Discovery and Science in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. A Dear cousin asks me to create a book about animals. I became an animal handler at the museum. Between 2016 and 2017, the poems and art that became Wild Writers were born.



The Poems

The collection grows through poetry written from imagined animal perspectives.



The Artwork



Original illustrations become an integral part of the project.



The Series

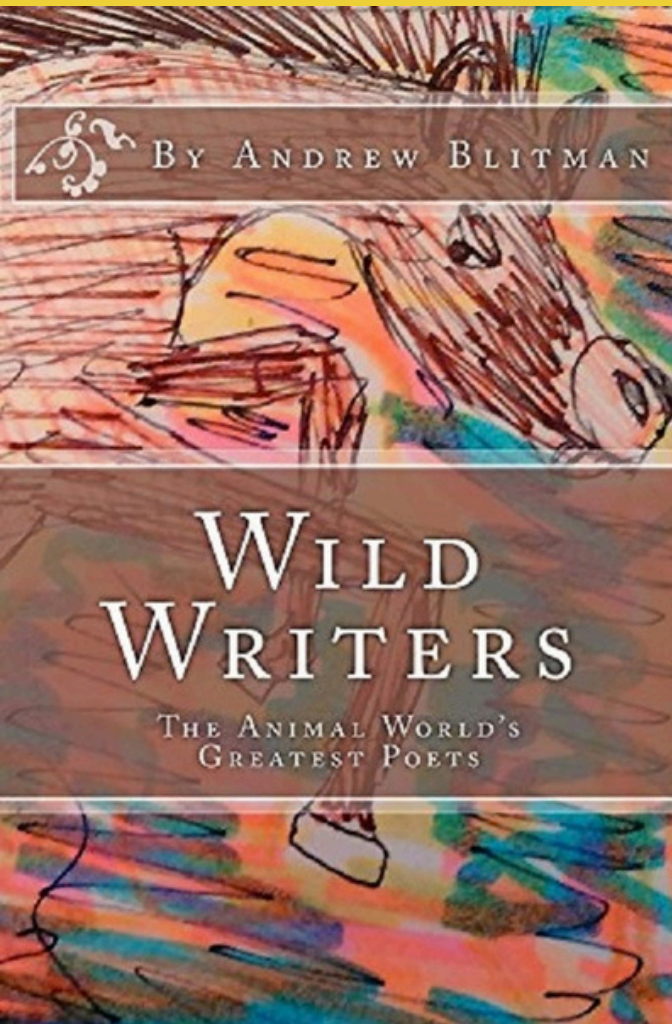
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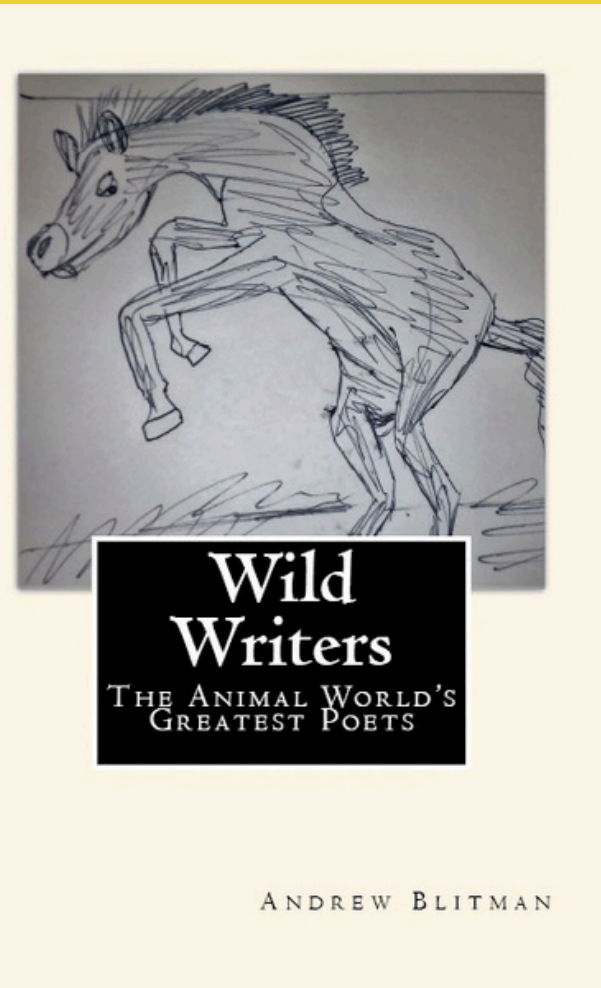
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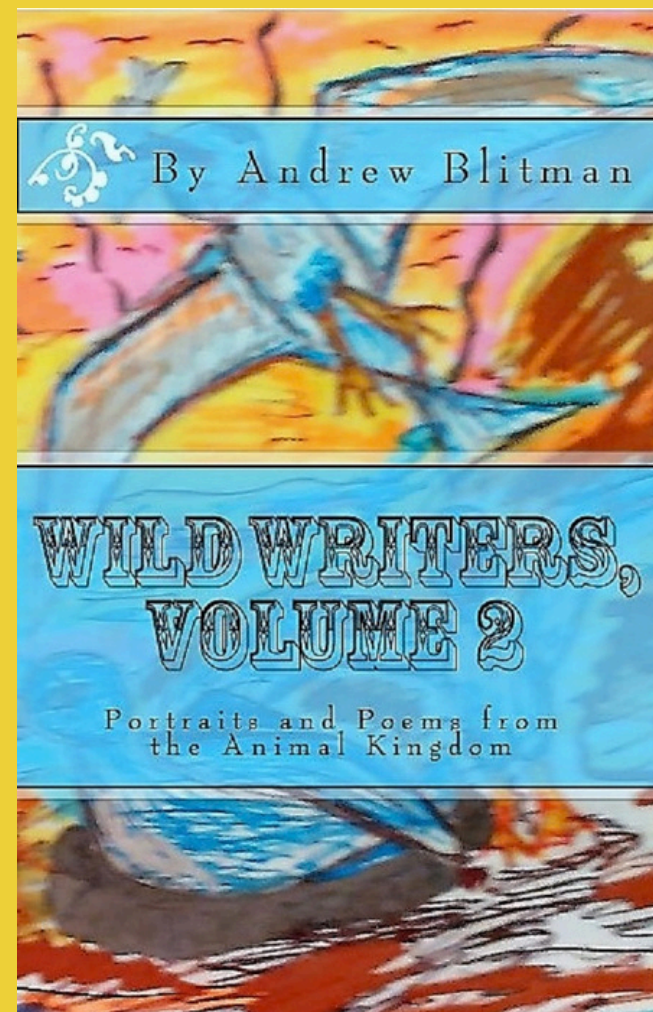
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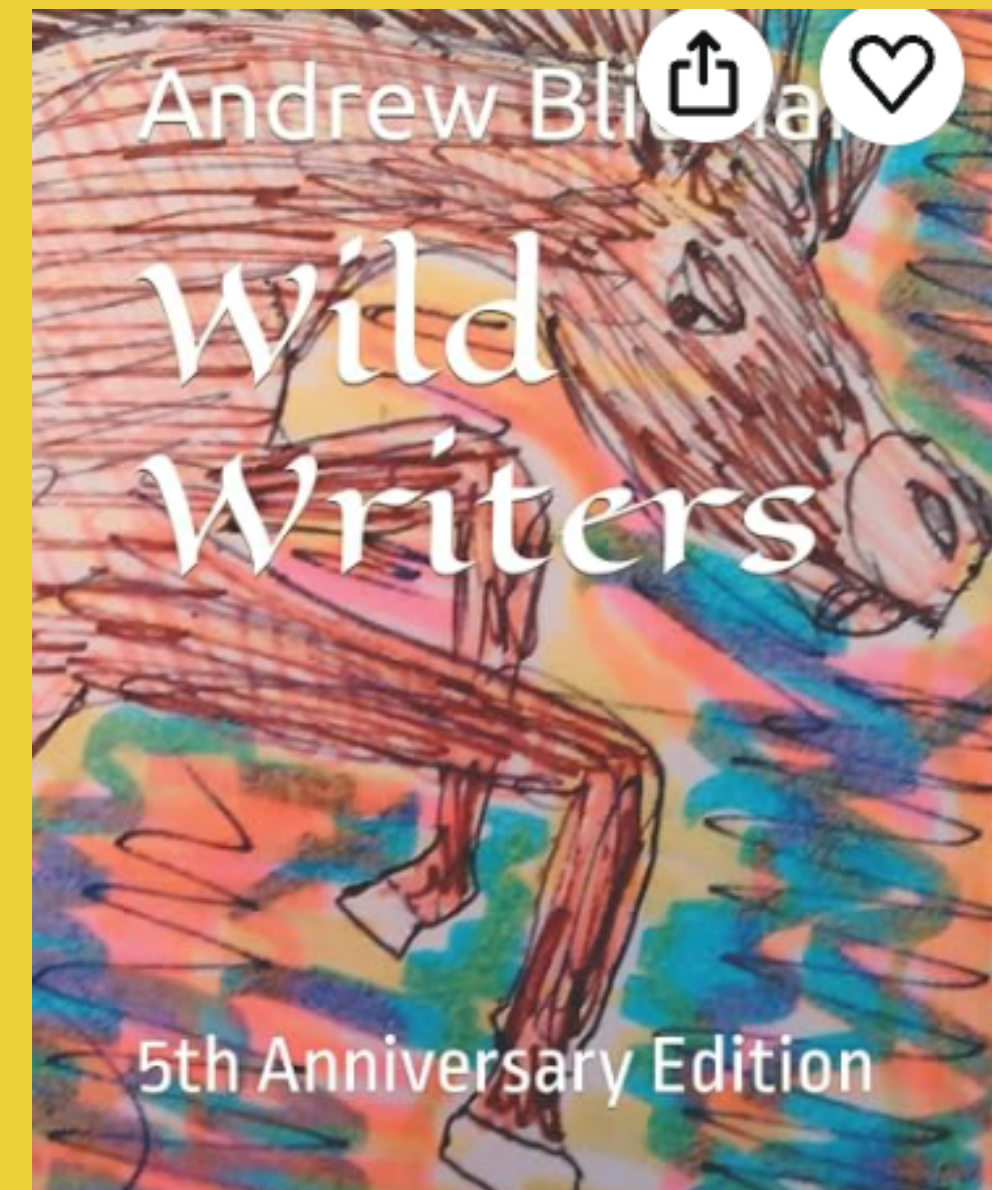
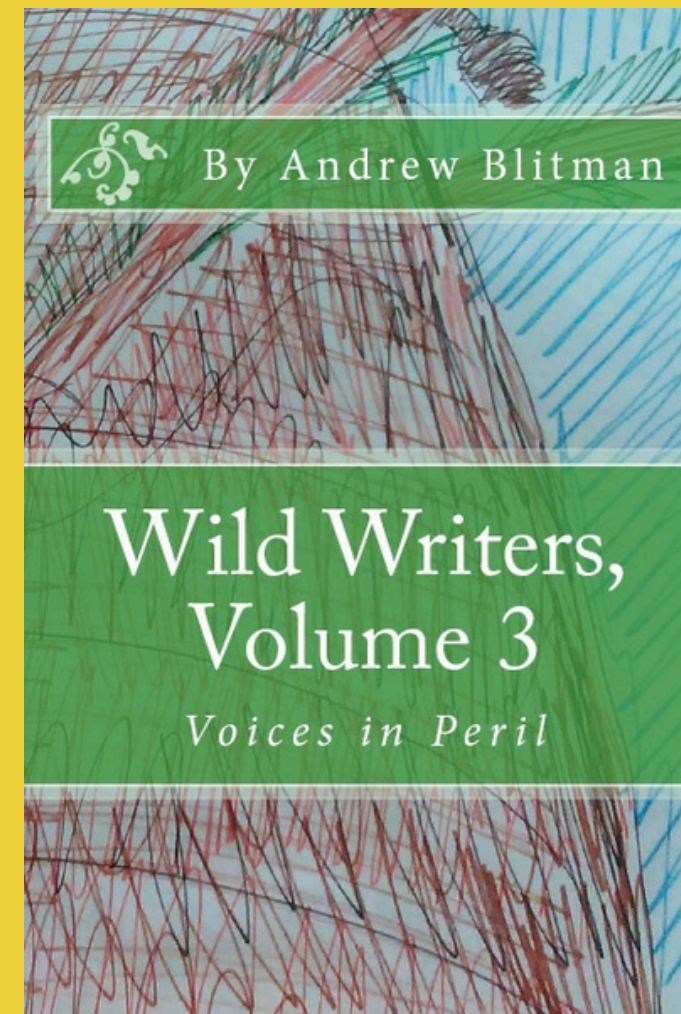
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MY FAVORITE WILD WRITER

Poem: _____

Creature: _____

Why I chose it:

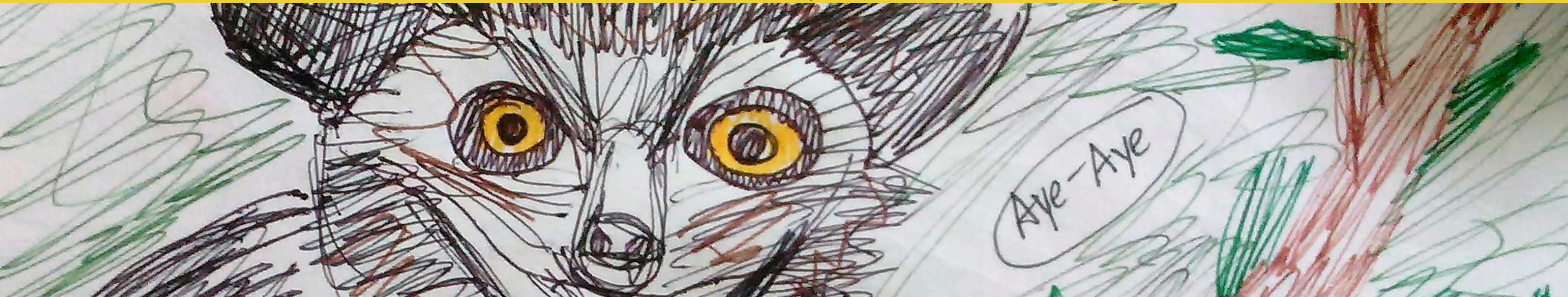
One thing I learned:

One question I still have:

ONE QUESTION TO TAKE WITH YOU

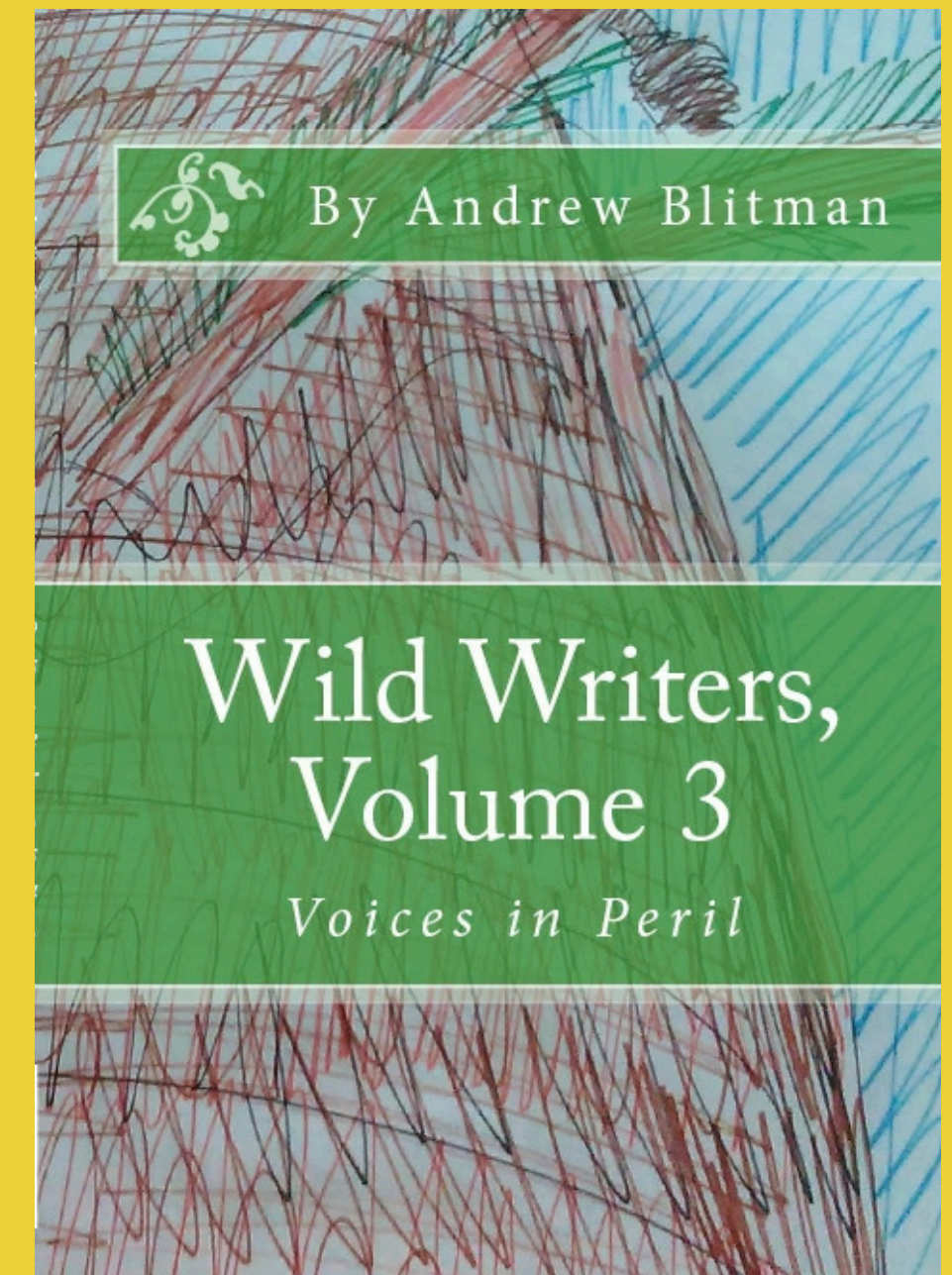
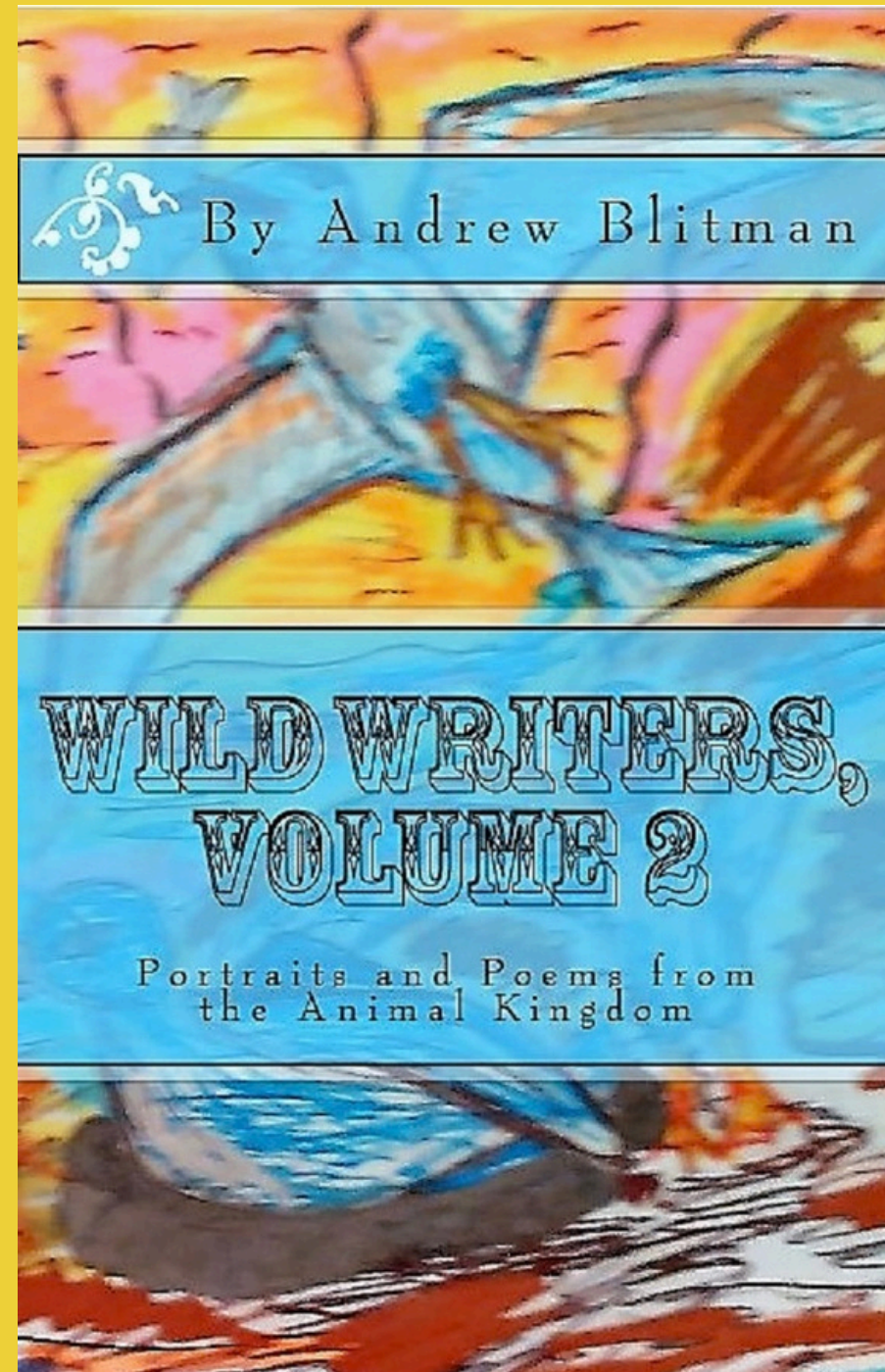
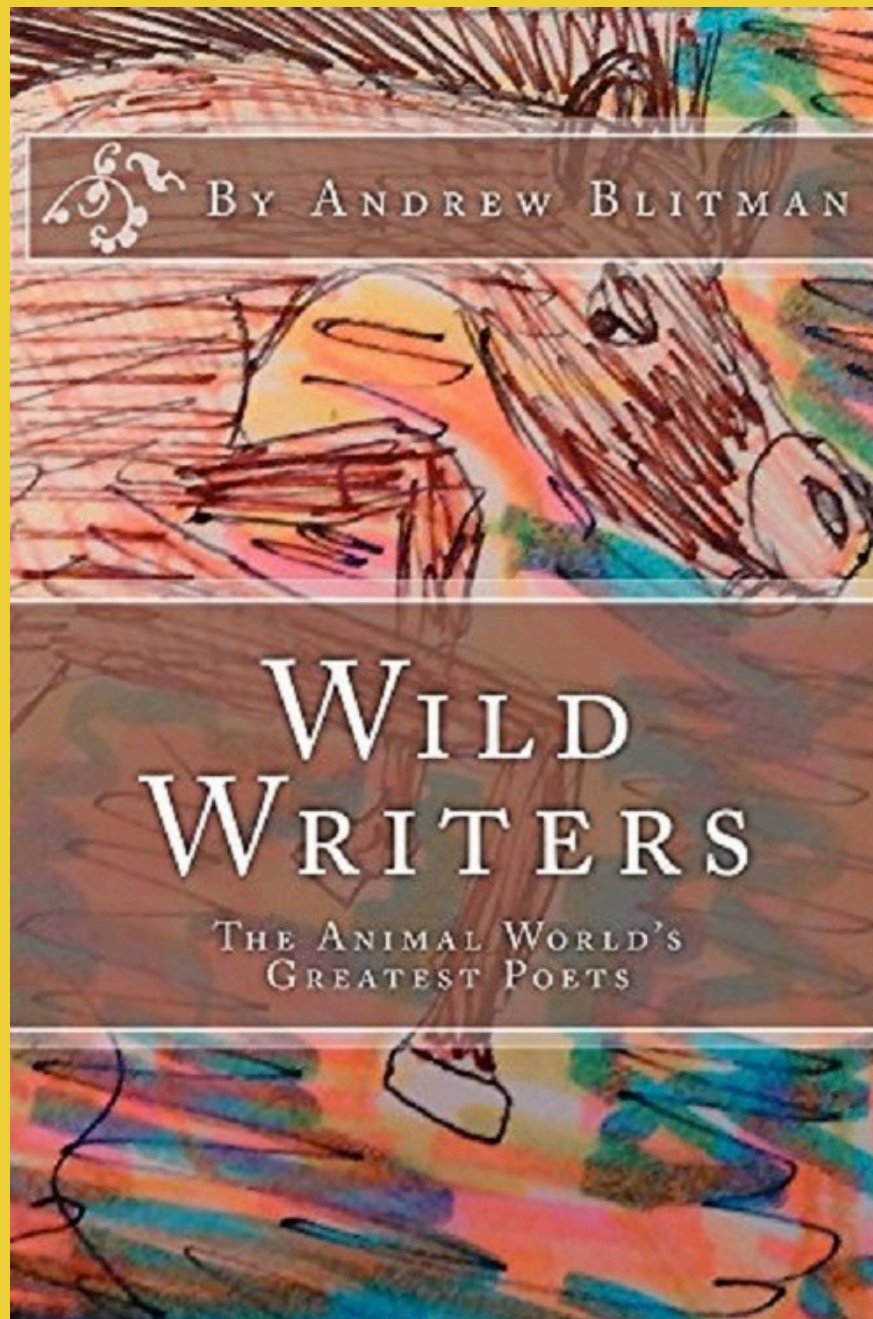


If the natural world could ask humanity one question, what do you think it would ask?



WANT TO EXPLORE WILD WRITERS?

If the conversations in this guide made you curious about the poems, creatures, artwork and ideas behind Wild Writers, you can continue the experience by exploring the full book.





DISCOVER WILD WRITERS

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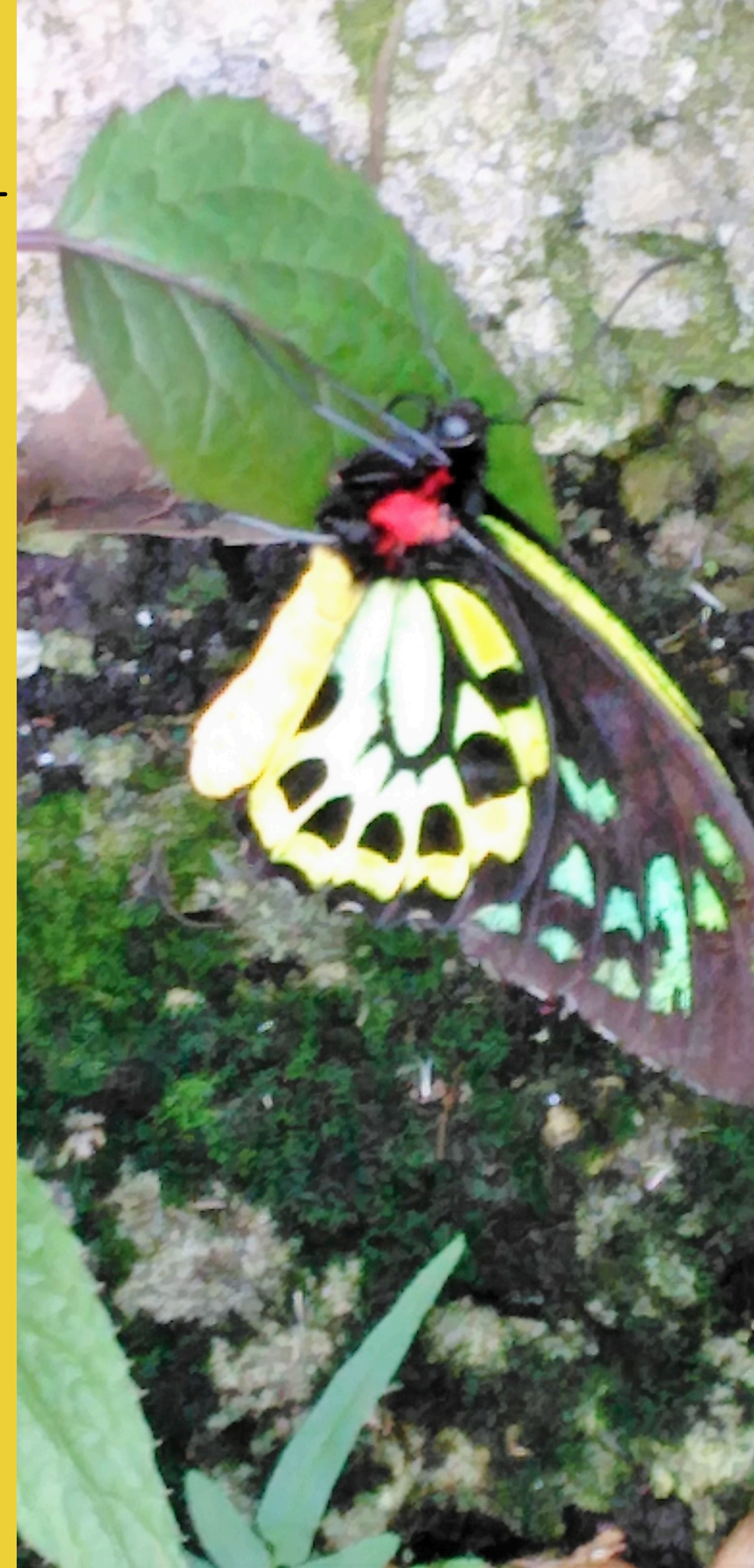
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Since Wild Writers is available to an international audience, please make sure the purchasing, delivery, and distribution arrangements are clearly organized for readers from different locations.

It is available in every Amazon marketplace, but the printed copies only exist in English. I believe it is possible to auto-translate the e-book version.

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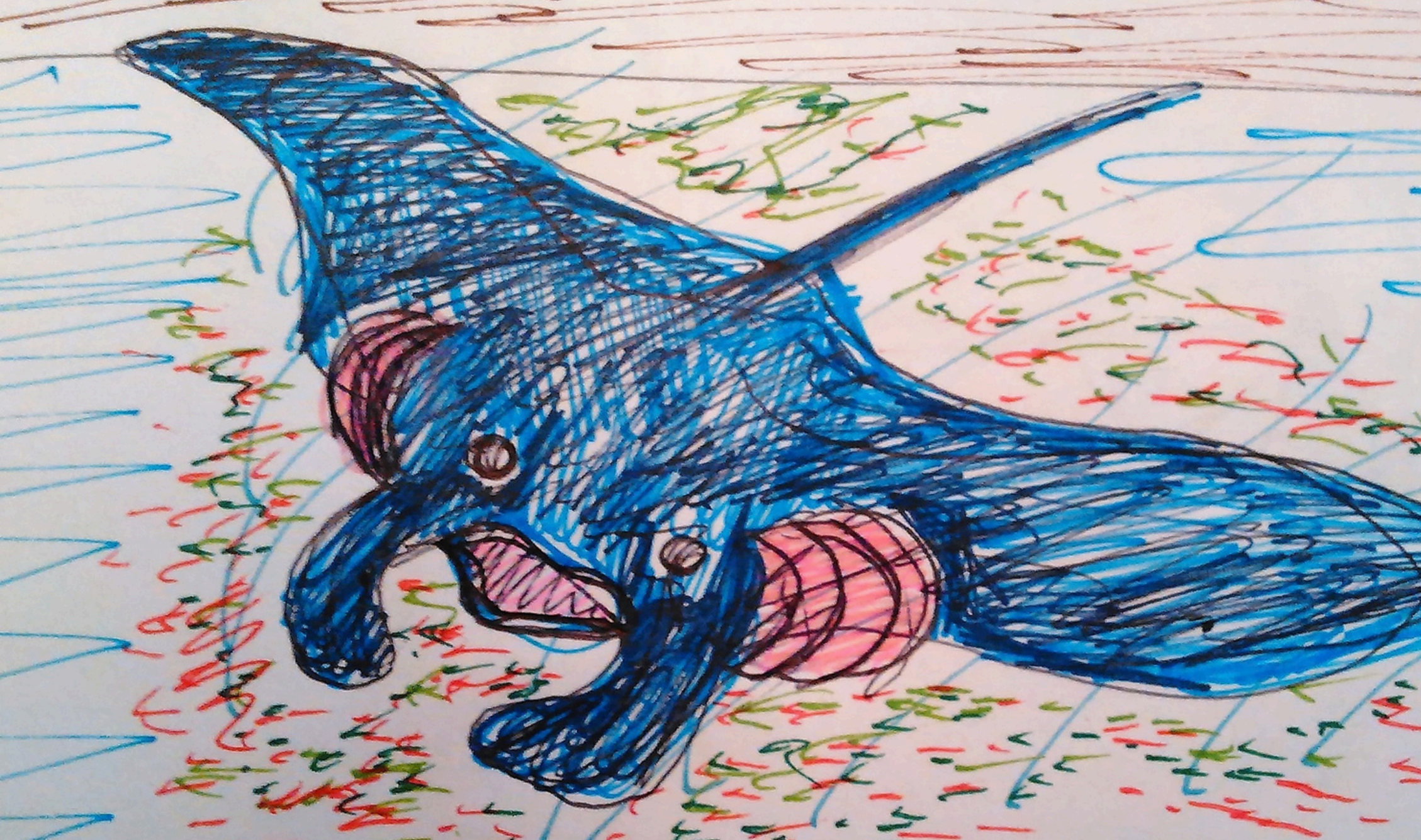
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