

# Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud

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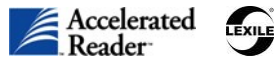
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“Vibrantly colored and detailed illustrations add to the book’s appeal, and unique back matter contains information about camouflage and protection, fun facts, and a painting activity. This ‘complete package’ is a must in schools, homes, and libraries with young children.” - *Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database*

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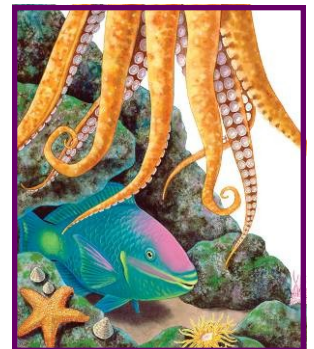


## Imagine an octopus that shoots yellow ink clouds!

Octavia Octopus and her sea-animal friends love playing camouflage games to practice how they would hide or protect themselves from a “big, hungry creature” in ***Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud***. But Octavia just cannot seem to get her colors right when she tries to shoot her ink cloud. What happens when the big, hungry shark shows up looking for his dinner?

***Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud*** was vetted for scientific accuracy by the educators at SeaWorld and the South Carolina Aquarium. Children, parents, and teachers will love the “**For Creative Minds**” educational section that includes:

- Fun Facts about animal camouflage and protection techniques
- Information about Octopuses
- An octopus ink cloud craft using primary colors (online)



There are also “**Related Websites**” and “**Teaching Activities**” on Arbordale Publishing’s website, [www.ArbordalePublishing.com](http://www.ArbordalePublishing.com), to help parents and educators expand the learning possibilities!

## About the Authors and Illustrator



**Donna Rathmell German** is also the author of *Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too!*, published by Arbordale, and the best-selling series, *The Bread Machine Cookbooks*, published by Bristol Publishing. **Doreen Rathmell Meredith** is a first grade teacher and former elementary school librarian. While this is Doreen's first book, the sisters share a passion for children's books and believe that reading to children is the best way to instill imagination and a love for learning. The annual family beach reunion and a Discovery Channel video about octopuses sparked the beginnings of this book.

**Connie McLennan** has been a successful freelance artist for almost 25 years since attending the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. In addition to illustrating *Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud*, *The Rainforest Grew All Around*, *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean* and *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers* for Arbordale Publishing, Connie has also illustrated *The Wishing Tree* and *Domitila*. She has illustrated numerous textbooks and has provided illustrations for children's books and magazines for Harcourt, Holt Reinhart & Winston, Scott Foresman, Scholastic and Weekly Reader. In addition to her various illustrations, Connie has done numerous advertising projects. Visit [www.conniemclennan.com](http://www.conniemclennan.com) for more info!



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