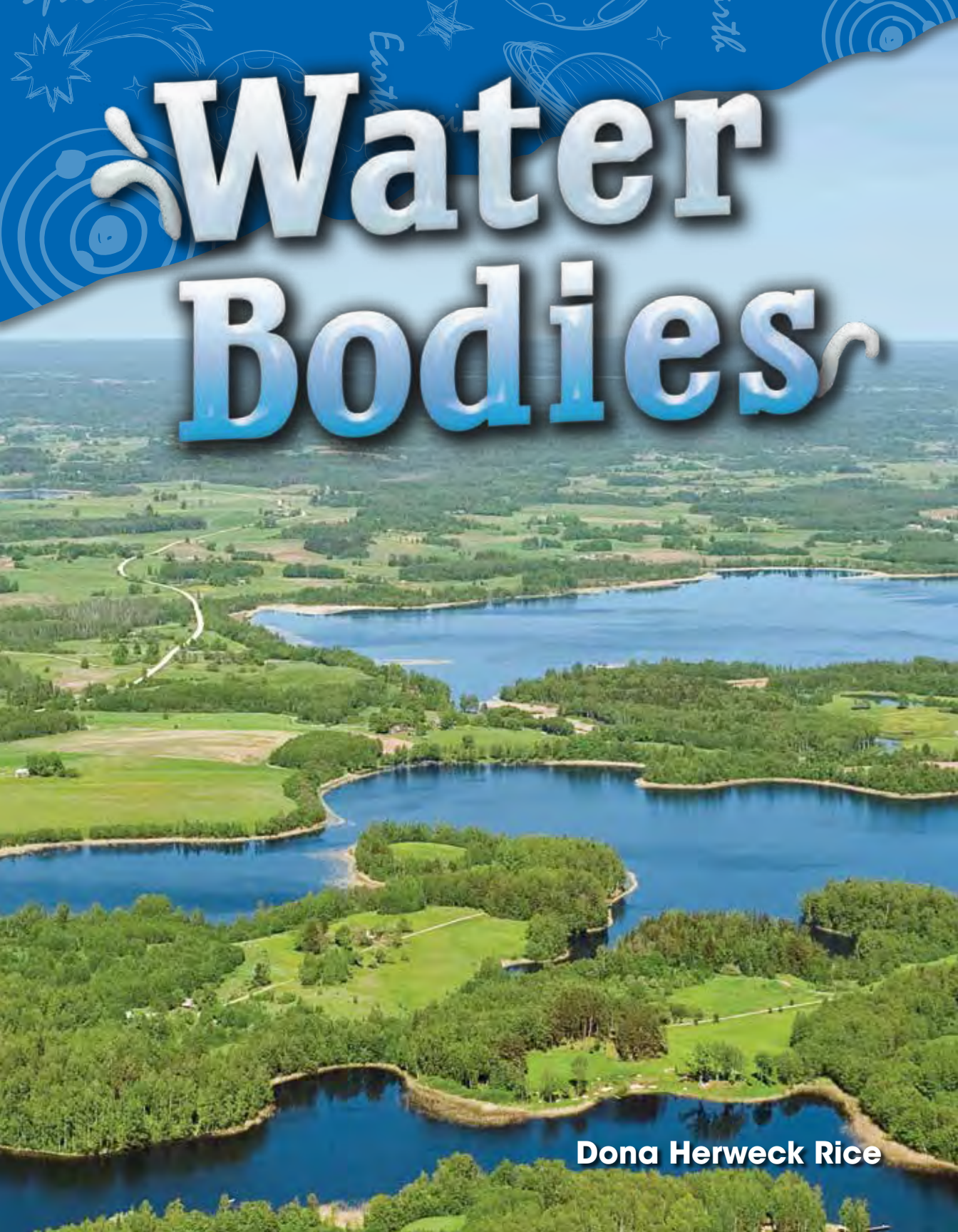
Water Bodies



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A Watery Planet

Splash in it. Wash in it. Swim in it. Drink it.
Water is one of the most important things on Earth.



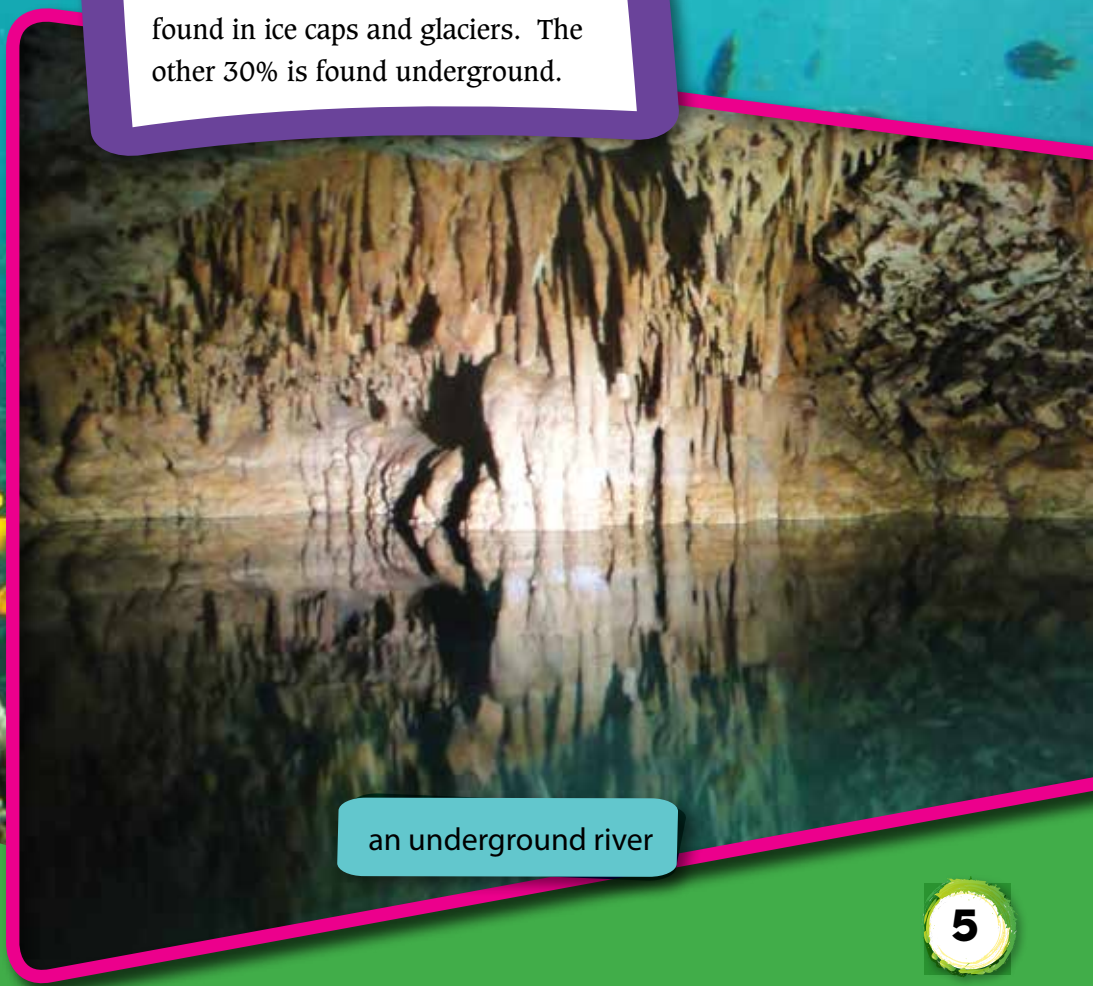
Rainbow trout live in freshwater.

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We can't live without it! So, it's a good thing that water is everywhere. Water covers much more than half of Earth. It's even underground.

Look Out Below!

Almost 70% of Earth's freshwater is found in ice caps and glaciers. The other 30% is found underground.



an underground river

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What Makes a Water Body?

A water body is any large amount of water. It is mainly on Earth's **surface**. It can be **contained** in one place, like a lake. Or it can move from place to place, like a stream.



You Are Water!

Did you know that water is right where you are right now? It's true! *You* are more than half water. But you are not a water body!



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Water bodies are formed in **depressed** areas of Earth. Water collects, or pools, there. It may fall as rain. It may fall as snow. It may spring up from below ground.

Water is a liquid. It fills the shape of whatever holds it. It also moves as Earth moves. This can change the shape of a water body.



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Drip, Drop, Drip

The amount of water in water bodies is always changing. **Precipitation** (pri-sip-i-TEY-shuhn), such as rain, adds water to them. **Evaporation** decreases the amount of water.

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Let's Do Science!

How do water bodies change? See for yourself!

What to Get

- ❍ clay
- ❍ sand
- ❍ tray
- ❍ water

