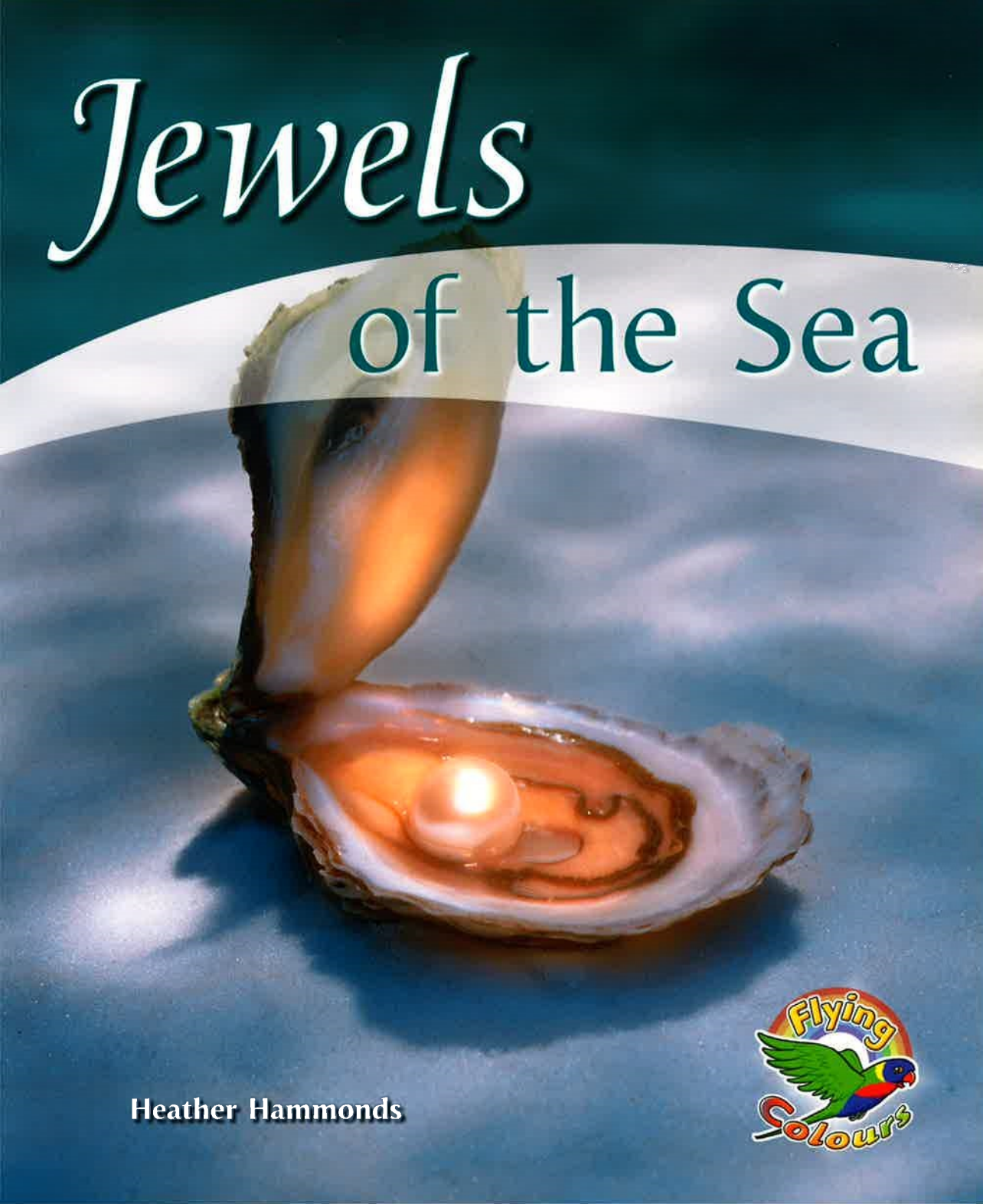
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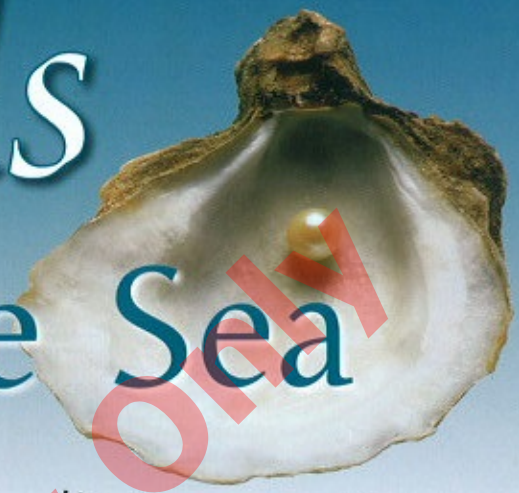


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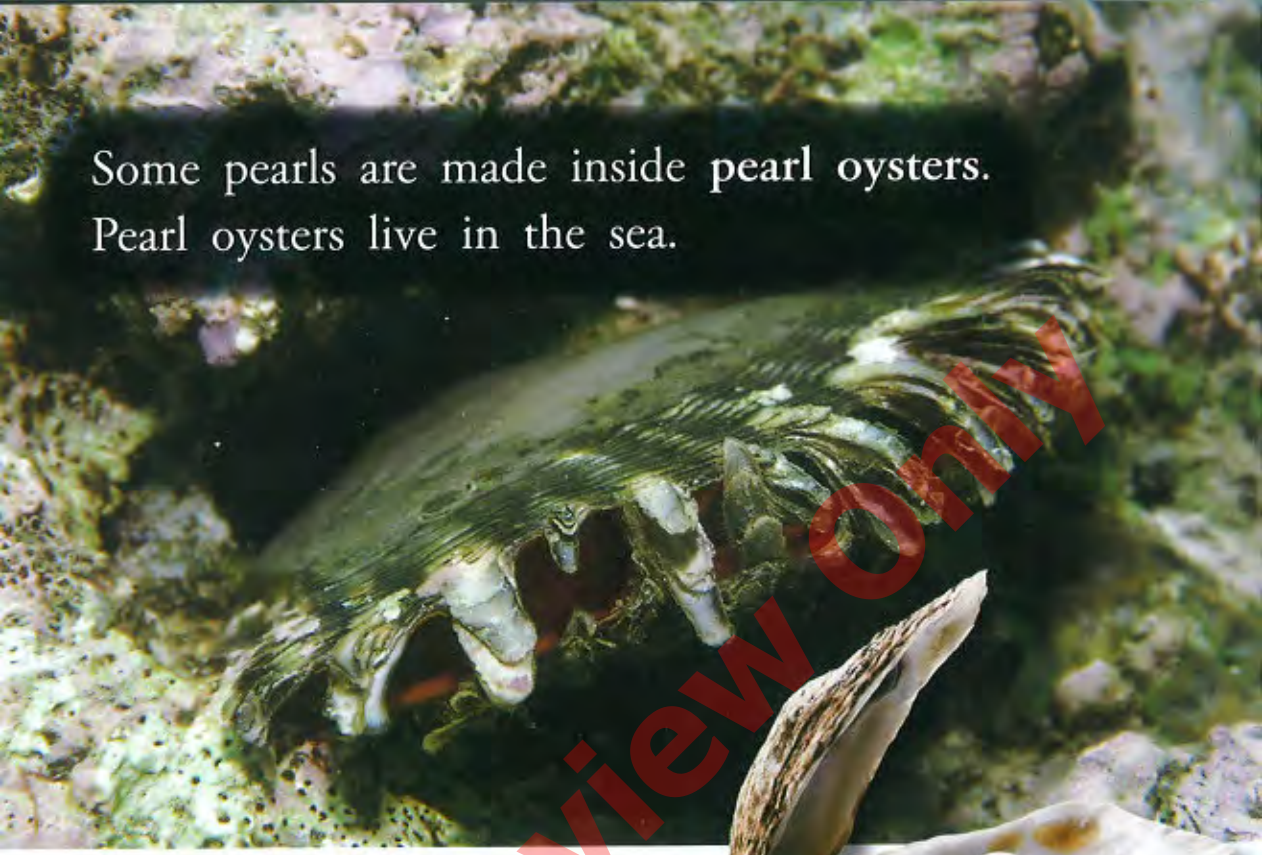
Beautiful Pearls

Have you ever seen a pearl? Pearls are beautiful jewels. You can wear them in many different ways.



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Some pearls are made inside **pearl oysters.**
Pearl oysters live in the sea.



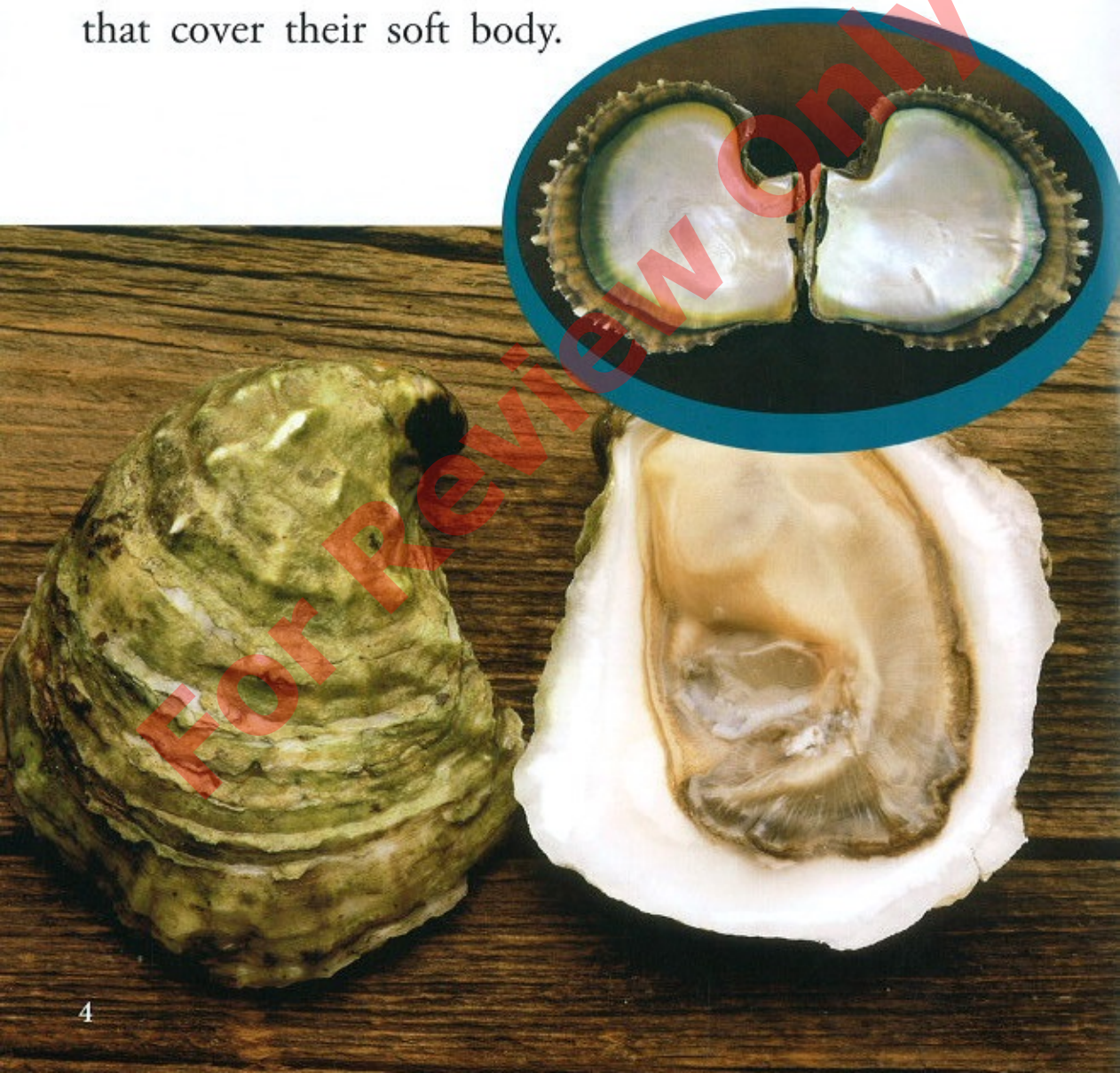


Some pearls are made inside freshwater mussels.

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Pearl Oysters

Pearl oysters have two hard shells that cover their soft body.



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They can open and close their shells a little way. They eat very tiny water plants and animals.

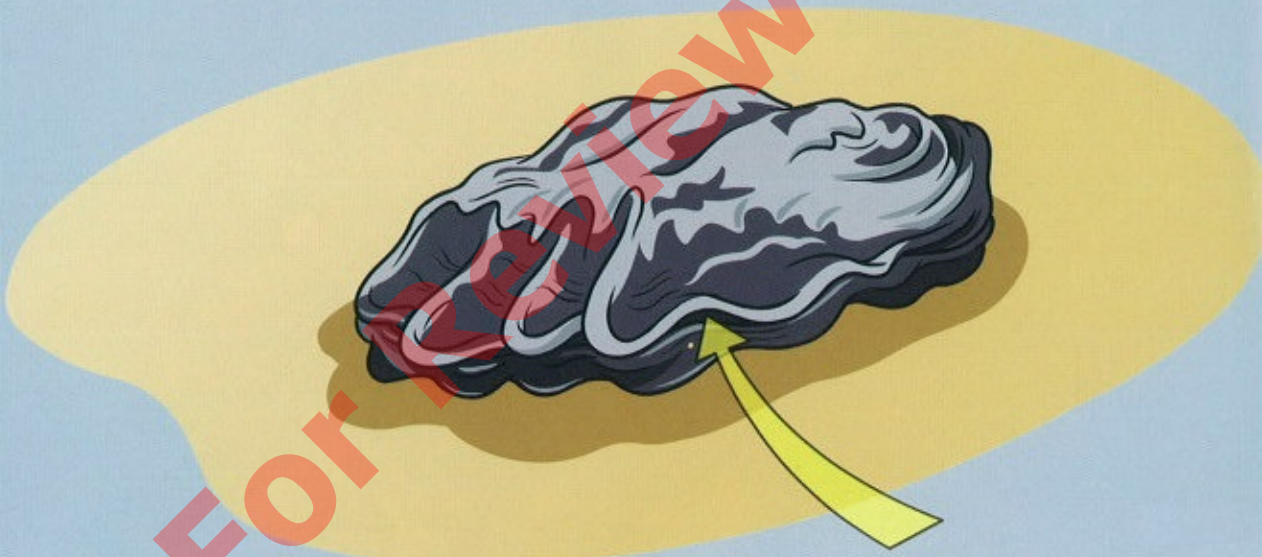


There are many kinds of oysters. Only some kinds of oysters make pearls.

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Making a Pearl

A pearl is made inside a pearl oyster when a little bit of shell, sand or other dirt gets inside it.



bits of shell, sand or dirt float into the pearl oyster

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The oyster covers the shell, sand or other dirt with a hard, shiny coating.



Then the oyster slowly adds more and more coatings and makes a pearl.



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