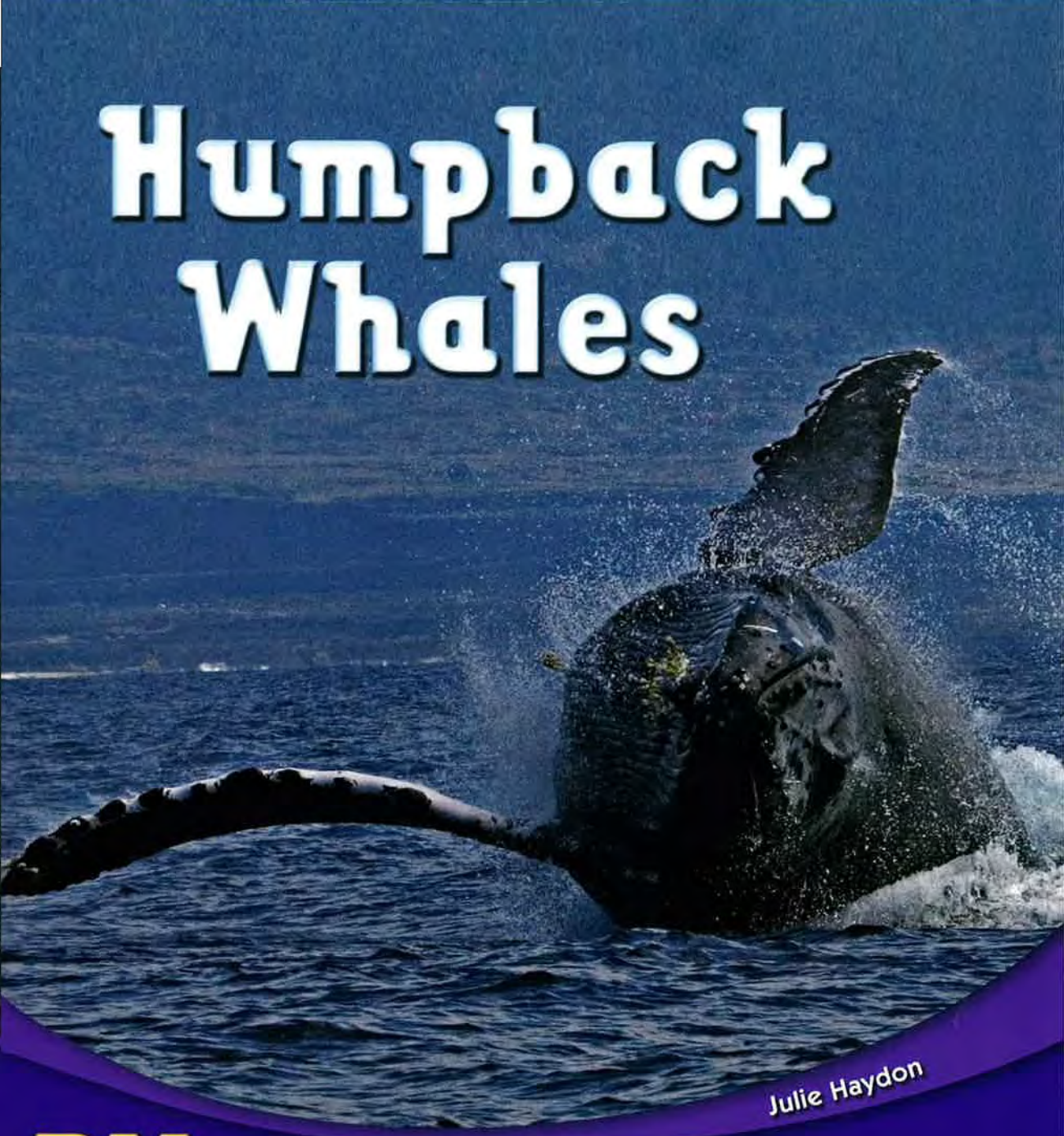
Humpback Whales



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Recount & Description

Humpback Whales

Level 27 Ruby

Key Learning Area **Science**

Theme **Humpback Whales**

Title **Humpback Whales**

Text Type *Recount*

Pages **2–9**

Text Form **Logbook**

Genre **Fiction**

Purpose **To retell and evaluate events and experiences**

Text Structure

Orientation: Provides information about who, where and when *(Page 2).*

Sequence of Events: Presents events in chronological order *(Pages 4–9).*

Personal Comment: Evaluates the events that took place *(Page 9).*

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. boat, passengers)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. its, us, their)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. magnificent, huge, amazing)*
- Past tense verbs *(e.g. was, had)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. securely, expertly)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. not far from us)*
- Time and sequence words *(e.g. it wasn't long before)*

Title **Gentle Giant of the Sea**

Text Type *Description*

Pages **10–16**

Text Form **Poem**

Genre **Fiction**

Purpose **To describe the characteristics of people, places and things**

Text Structure

Introduction: Informs the reader about the subject being described *(Page 10).*

Characteristics: Describes details about the subject *(Pages 10–16).*

Evaluation: Provides a personal comment about the subject *(Page 16).*

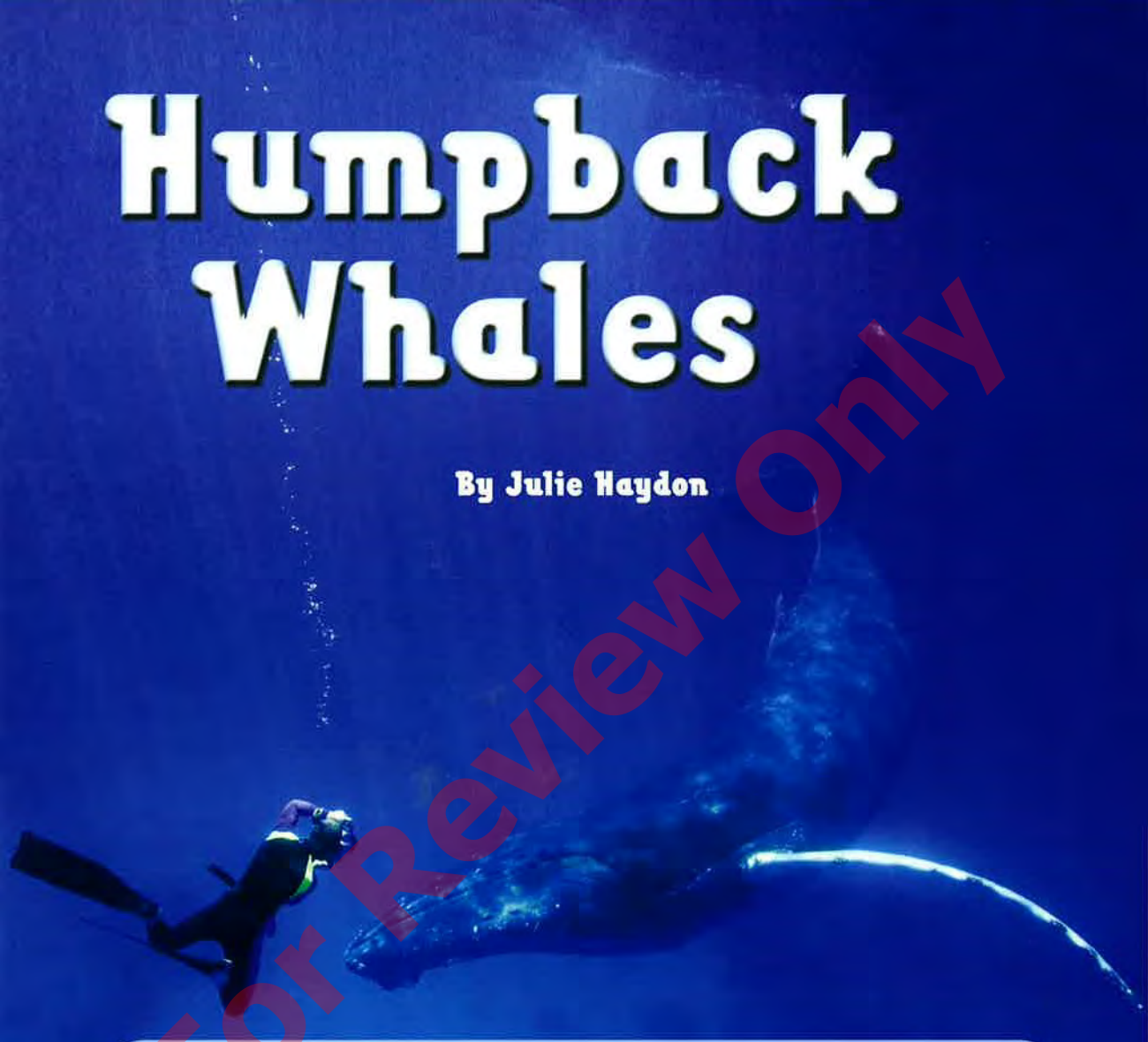
Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. blowholes, krill)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. you, me, your)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. gentle, large, mighty)*
- Present tense relating verbs *(e.g. are, have)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. skywards)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. to the surface)*

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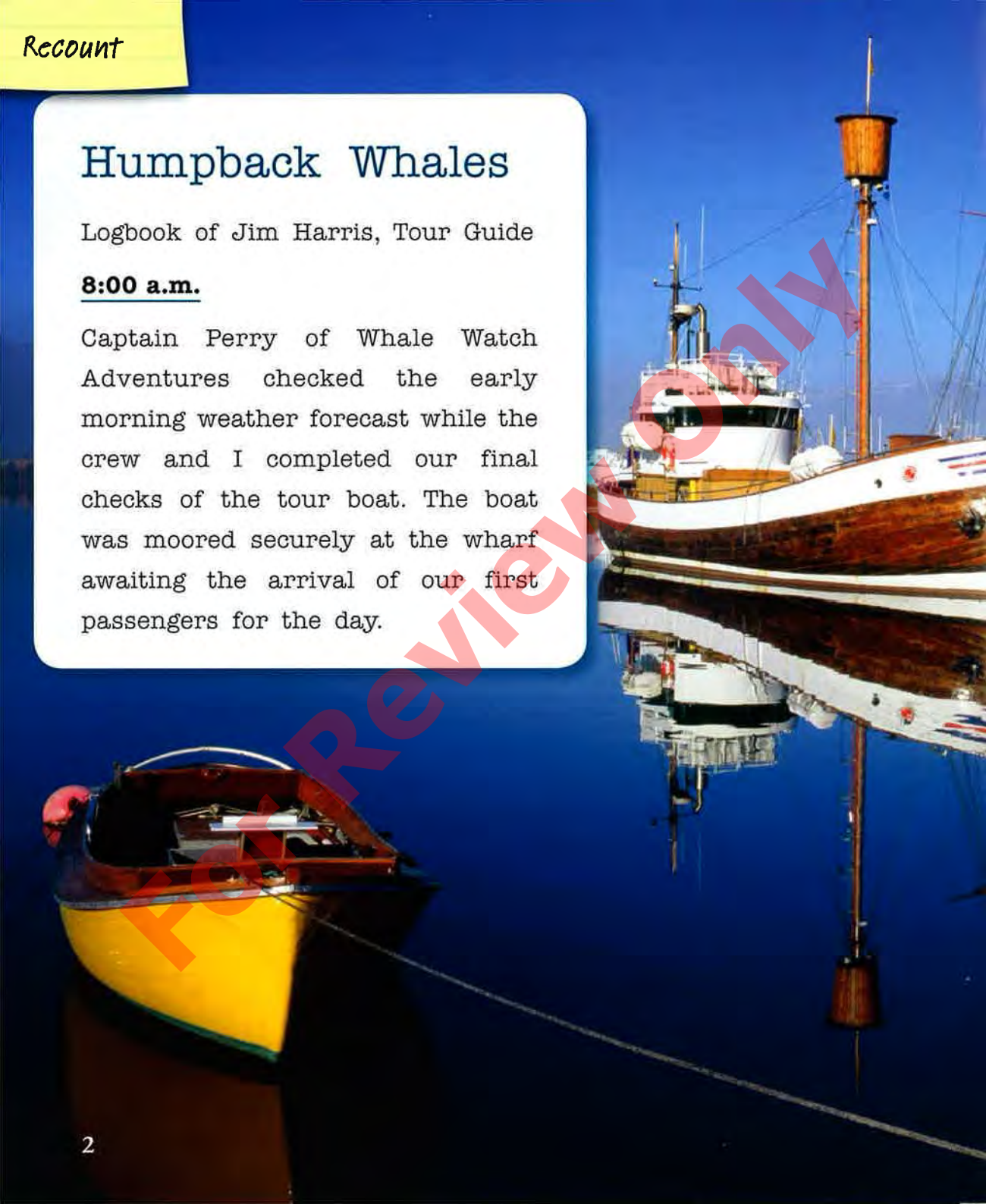
Recount

Humpback Whales

Logbook of Jim Harris, Tour Guide

8:00 a.m.

Captain Perry of Whale Watch Adventures checked the early morning weather forecast while the crew and I completed our final checks of the tour boat. The boat was moored securely at the wharf awaiting the arrival of our first passengers for the day.



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9:00 a.m.

We had 60 people including the crew on board today. As Captain Perry expertly steered the boat along the channel and out into the open sea, I took the opportunity to describe humpback whales – the magnificent creatures we were about to see.



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9:30 a.m.

It wasn't long before a humpback whale was spotted. There were cries of delight from the passengers as a huge vapour cloud sprayed skywards. I explained that the whale had come to the surface to breathe out or "blow". The whale then lifted its body from the water in a gentle rolling movement.



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9:35 a.m.

The passengers watched in awe as a second whale opened the two blowholes on top of its head and released another huge spray of moist breath.



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9:45 a.m.

A pod of whales, including a mother with her calf, swam nearby. Captain Perry brought the boat quietly to a stop. I informed the passengers that there are rules to protect sea life. The tour boat had to stay at least 100 metres away from the whales and not block their path.

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