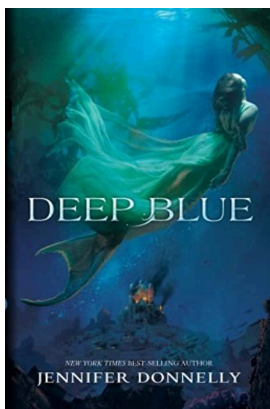


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Deep Blue

by Jennifer Donnelly

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What's It About?

Deep in the ocean, in a world not so different from our own, live the merpeople. Their communities are spread throughout the oceans, seas, and freshwaters all over the globe.

When Serafina, a mermaid of the Mediterranean Sea, awakens on the morning of her betrothal, her biggest worry should be winning the love of handsome Prince Mahdi. And yet Sera finds herself haunted by strange dreams that foretell the return of an ancient evil. Her dark premonitions are confirmed when an assassin's arrow poisons Sera's mother. Now, Serafina must embark on a quest to find the assassin's master and prevent a war between the Mer nations. Led only by her shadowy dreams, Sera searches for five other mermaid heroines who are scattered across the six seas. Together, they will form an unbreakable bond of sisterhood and uncover a conspiracy that threatens their world's very existence.

Who Wrote It?

Jennifer was born in New York and before becoming a writer worked as an antiques dealer, journalist, and copywriter. With her first novel for teen readers, Jennifer Donnelly achieved the distinction of being only the second American author to win Great Britain's prestigious Carnegie Medal for children's literature. Donnelly's *A Northern Light* was originally published in England as *A Gathering Light*. When she writes, she usually has a pot of strong tea and a bar of dark chocolate for company and courage. She plots and plans and schemes and dreams in longhand, but does the actual writing on my computer. Jennifer



now makes her home in Brooklyn, New York, where she lives with her husband, daughter, and two greyhounds. You can connect with her via her website: www.jenniferdonnelly.com

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