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**BENEATH THE SEA'S LEGEND OF THE SEA VALERIE TAYLOR
 TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S EXPOSITION PRESENTING
 MELODY: PRINCESS, HEROINE, AND MERMAID**

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA & SYDNEY AUSTRALIA — Legendary underwater filmmaker and photographer Valerie Taylor releases two new illustrated books.

About the Artist/Author:

Valerie Taylor is recognized around the world as a pioneering ocean explorer and marine conservationist, cinematographer, still photographer and author. She and her beloved husband Ron Taylor spent over 63 years traveling and making films together before Ron's death in 2012. During the span of their career the Taylor name became synonymous with sharks. Valerie and Ron are the first people ever to film great white sharks underwater with and without a cage.



What isn't widely known about Valerie is that her first career was as a cartoonist and illustrator. A naturally gifted artist, she delights in drawing and painting. Her underwater scenes blend photo-realistic sketches of marine creatures – sharks, fishes and corals – with whimsical watery creatures of her own imagination, such as the mermaids featured throughout this book.

Ocean lovers of all ages will enjoy adding their own bit of artistry to Valerie's magical illustrations of mermaids and marine creatures.

Melody the Mermaid: Adventures in the Kingdoms of the Sea

ISBN-13 978-1976359897
 8.5 x 8.5 inches (21.59 x 21.59 cm) 84 pages, full color US/AUS retail: \$22.95

Melody is a confident, adventurous young mermaid, the daughter of the king and queen of the Kingdom of Pearl. While her seven mer-sisters all have golden curls, Melody's long hair is a beautiful shade of green. Melody's adventurous nature—and her unusual looks—get her into trouble when she goes looking for her friend Leafy, a young leafy sea dragon who's gone missing. Melody sees Leafy being lured away by two moray eels and gets caught in a dangerous current. Melody must rescue Leafy. To do so, she has to leave the safety of her own kingdom and venture far into other kingdoms of the sea. In her brave quest to save Leafy Melody faces dangerous challenges, including being caught in a net, a trap set by a menacing hermit crab. Children of all ages will be cheering for Melody as she seeks to save her friend Leafy and return home safely to the Kingdom of Pearl.

The Undersea Artistry of Valerie Taylor:

A Coloring Book Featuring Original Illustrations by Valerie Taylor
 ISBN-13 978-1977571144 8.5 x 8.5 inches (21.59 x 21.50 cm)
 56 pages, soft-cover, color cover US/AUS retail: \$12.95

The coloring book craze shows no signs of stopping. Budding artists of every age will enjoy putting their personal creative talents to work embellishing the natural beauty of Valerie Taylor's mesmerizing marine scenes.
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