

Perhaps you've seen an otter swimming and playing at a zoo or aquarium, but do you know how do these amazing animals live in the wild? Most are found in freshwater habitats, while others make their home in coastal kelp forests or can be found feeding along rocky shores. There are many similarities between river otters and sea otters, but there are also vast differences. Explore fascinating facts about these playful, aquatic mammals, meet the species, and awe at adorable photos in this latest installment of the *Compare and Contrast Book* series.

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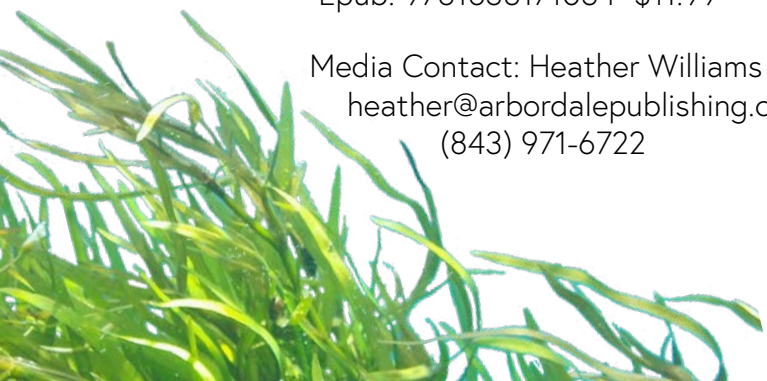
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## Dive into Otter Facts

The "For Creative Minds" section gives readers a chance to test their knowledge and learn more about the different types of otters. Sea what you can learn:

- Otter Math
- Adaptations
- Fun Facts
- Otter Enrichment at Zoos and Aquariums



# Meet the Author



Cathleen McConnell loves all animals—especially those that live in the ocean. She fell in love with sea otters while volunteering at the Oregon Coast Aquarium shortly after it opened. Having the opportunity to share her excitement for otters and other marine life with visitors is what inspired her to pursue a career in zoo and aquarium education. Currently, as part of her job with the Conservation Engagement team at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Cathleen runs all kinds of family programs including day camps and "Zoo Snooze" overnight experiences. Over the years, she has taught countless children about the wonders of wildlife when they have visited on field trips or as part of an outreach program at their school. Although she has developed curriculum and provided professional development for teachers, this is her first book. She hopes that it will get kids excited to learn more about animals and how each is uniquely adapted to survive in their natural environment. Cathleen lives in Washington state with her three cats and two guinea pigs.



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