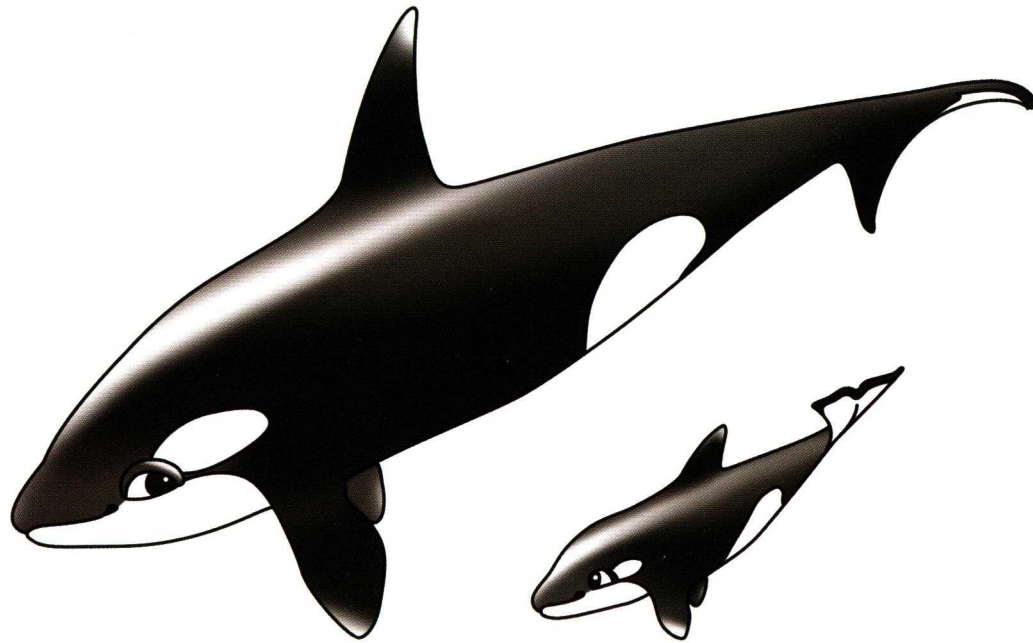


# WHALE DONE, MY WONDERFUL ONE!



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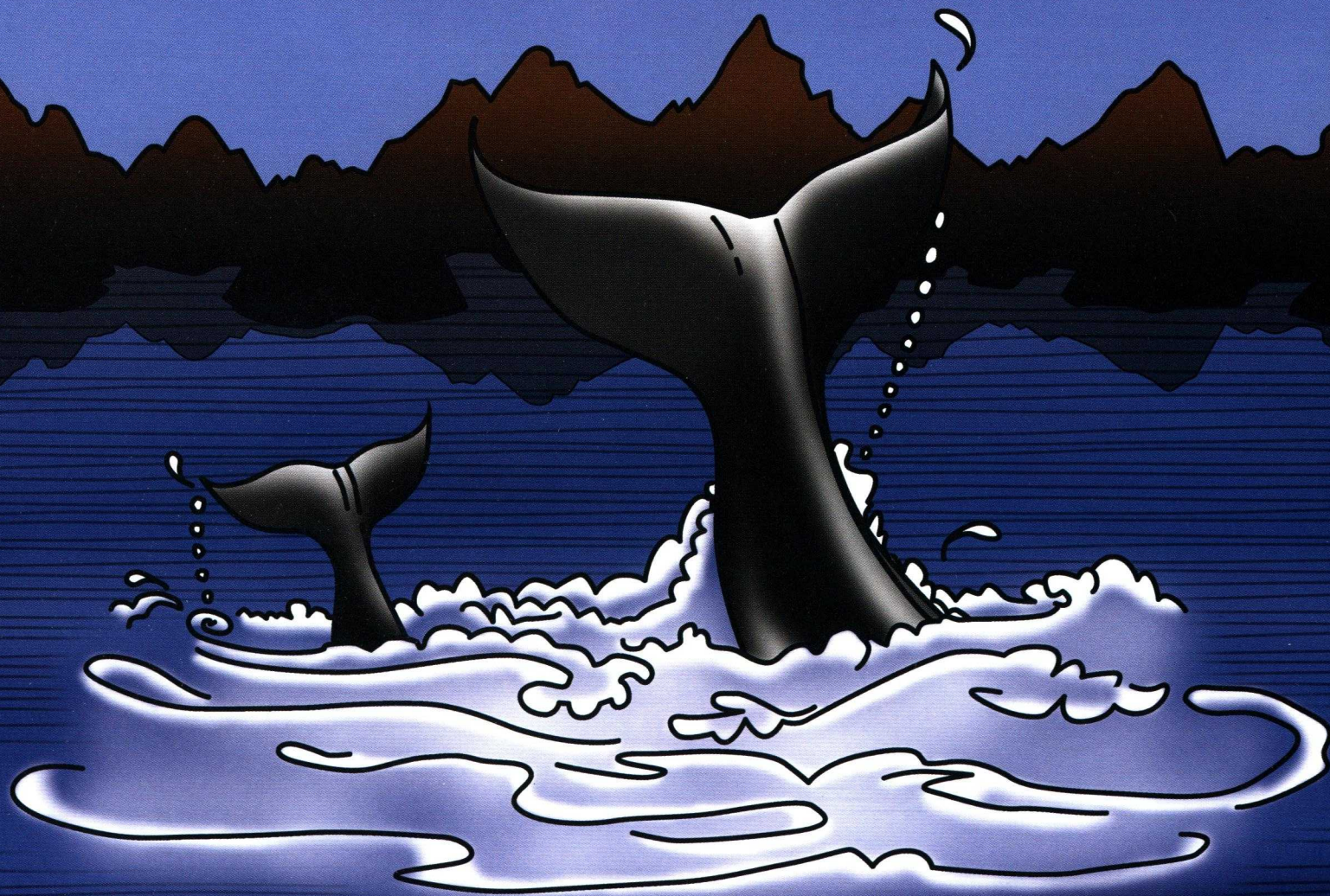
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To Alec, my wonderful grandson,  
who makes me laugh and love life.

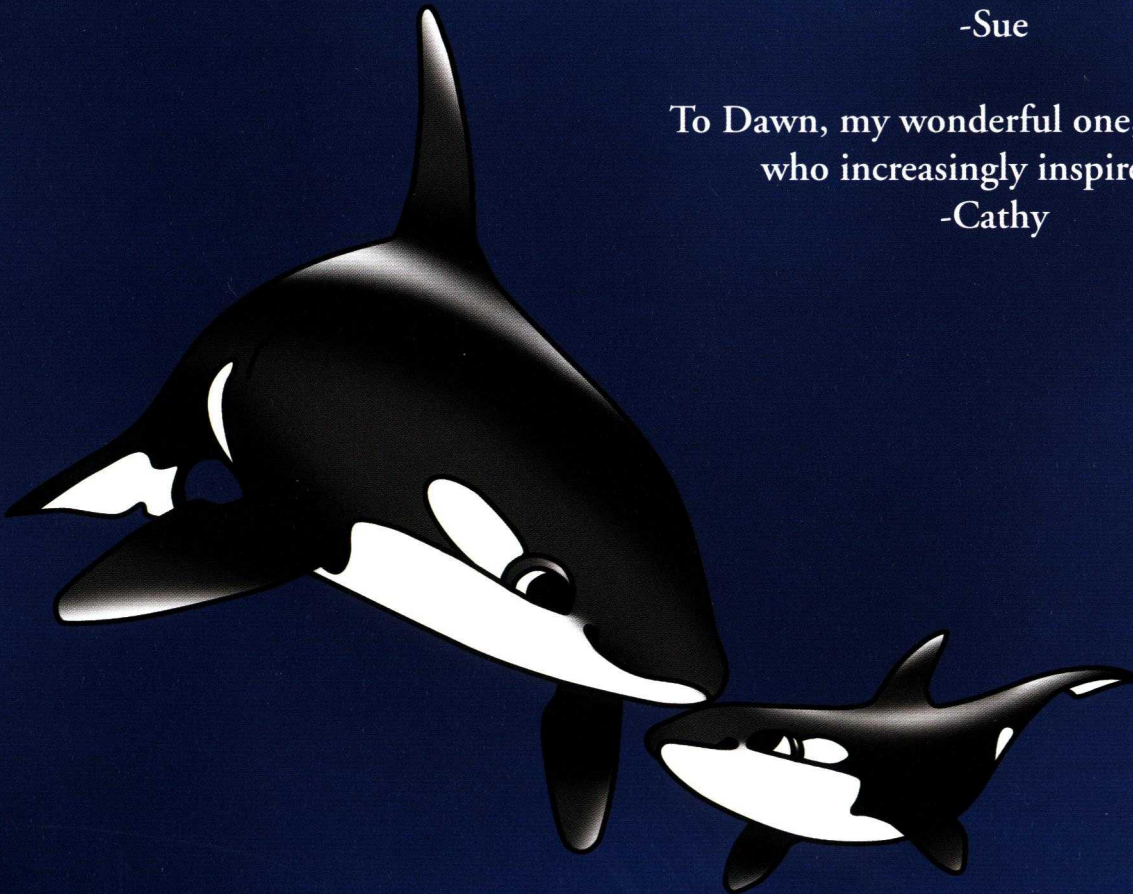
-Ken

To my wonderful grandchildren,  
Mason and Decker,  
our family's Whale Done legacy!

-Sue

To Dawn, my wonderful one, a daughter  
who increasingly inspires me.

-Cathy





## ABOUT THE *WHALE DONE!* PHILOSOPHY

For years I've been telling business leaders that the key to developing people is to catch them doing things right. Yet I still find that people know they're doing a good job only when nobody's yelled at them lately. Sadly, this "leave alone/zap" leadership style is not only practiced by managers but by parents, grandparents, and teachers as well.

I have always believed that punishment is harmful in human relationships. When I saw my first killer whale show in San Diego—where the most feared predators in the ocean had been trained to leap, dive, and do all kinds of tricks on command—I was fascinated. Did the trainers punish the whales when they did something wrong and then get back in the water with them? Common sense tells you this wouldn't be a smart move. During a behind the scenes tour of SeaWorld<sup>®</sup>, I learned that when a whale shows undesirable behavior, the trainers do not punish it. Instead, they redirect its energies back on what it was supposed to do and praise the whale when it behaves appropriately.

Inspired by this great example, I teamed up with SeaWorld's head whale trainer Chuck Tompkins, his long time colleague Thad Lacinak, and my good friend Jim Ballard to write the best selling *Whale Done! The Power of Positive Relationships*. If the simple tools of building trust, accentuating the positive, and redirecting could get five-ton whales to jump thirty feet in the air, we knew they would work with people as well. We also knew if it worked for whales and grownups, it would be good for kids, which led us to write *Whale Done Parenting*.

*Whale Done, My Wonderful One!* is a fun story for kids that illustrates what Sue Zlatin, Cathy Huett, and I have found to be true: **Effective parenting is not something you do *to* children; it's something you do *with* them.**

The young whale in this story gets himself in the worst circumstances, but even so his mother is an understanding and caring parent. You can be, too, when you build your kids' trust, praise them, and redirect their mistakes to keep them safe and bring out their best. That's the way to create a loving partnership. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, relative, teacher, or friend, I invite you to use this book to grow with the children in your life and create loving, trusting relationships.

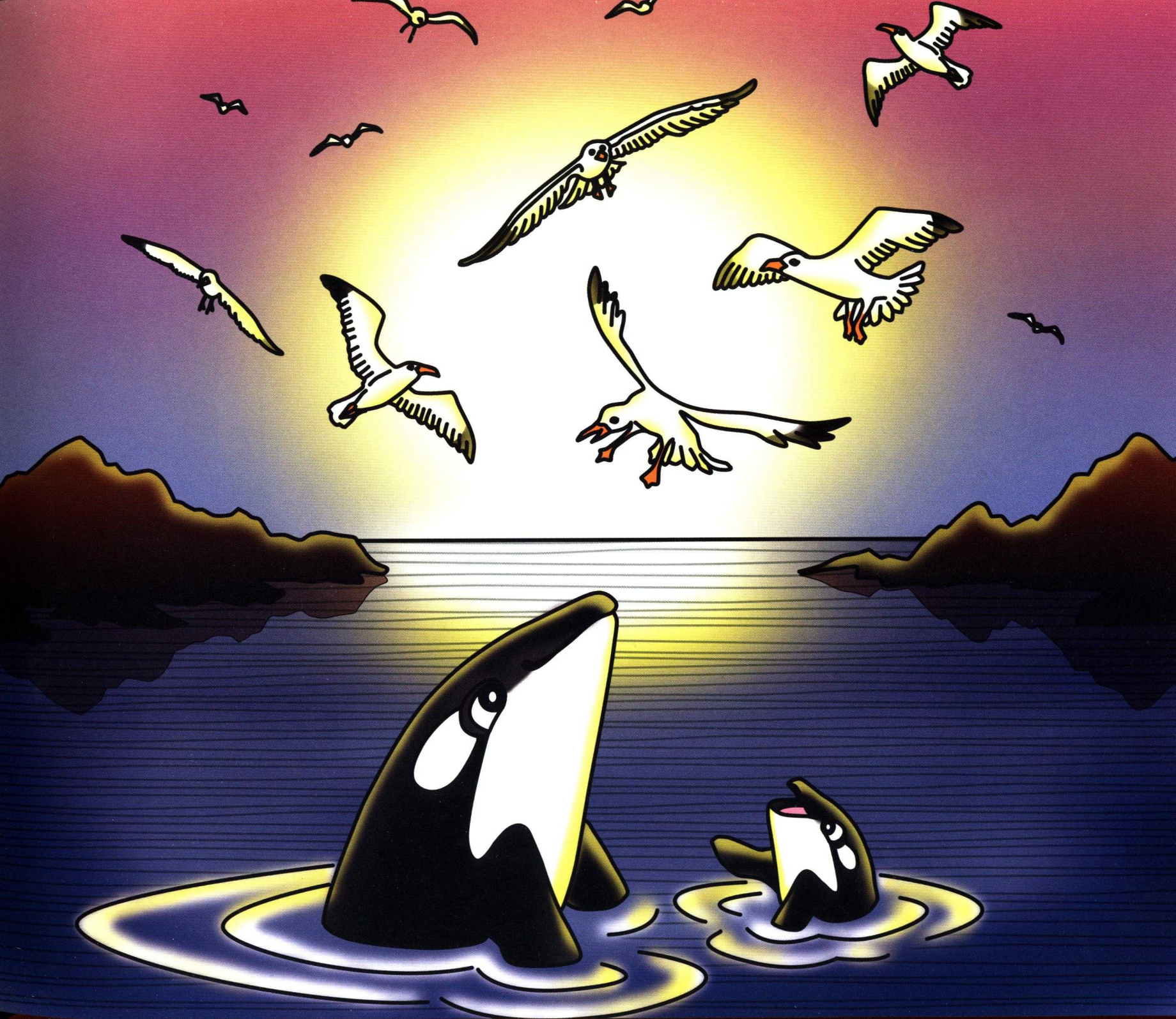
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Good morning, Sun  
As you rise for the day,  
You greet us in the warmest way.  
Whale done, my wonderful Sun!









"Good Morning, Dale!" said Mother Whale,  
Tickling her calf with her rubbery tail.

"Good Morning, Mom! Can we go play?"

"Sure!" said his mom. "We'll start right away!"

His mom said proudly, "Swim this way!  
What do you want to do *whale* today?  
You're a good listener—and swimmer, too.  
Just follow me now. I will teach you!"



