

Color the AXOL Reef

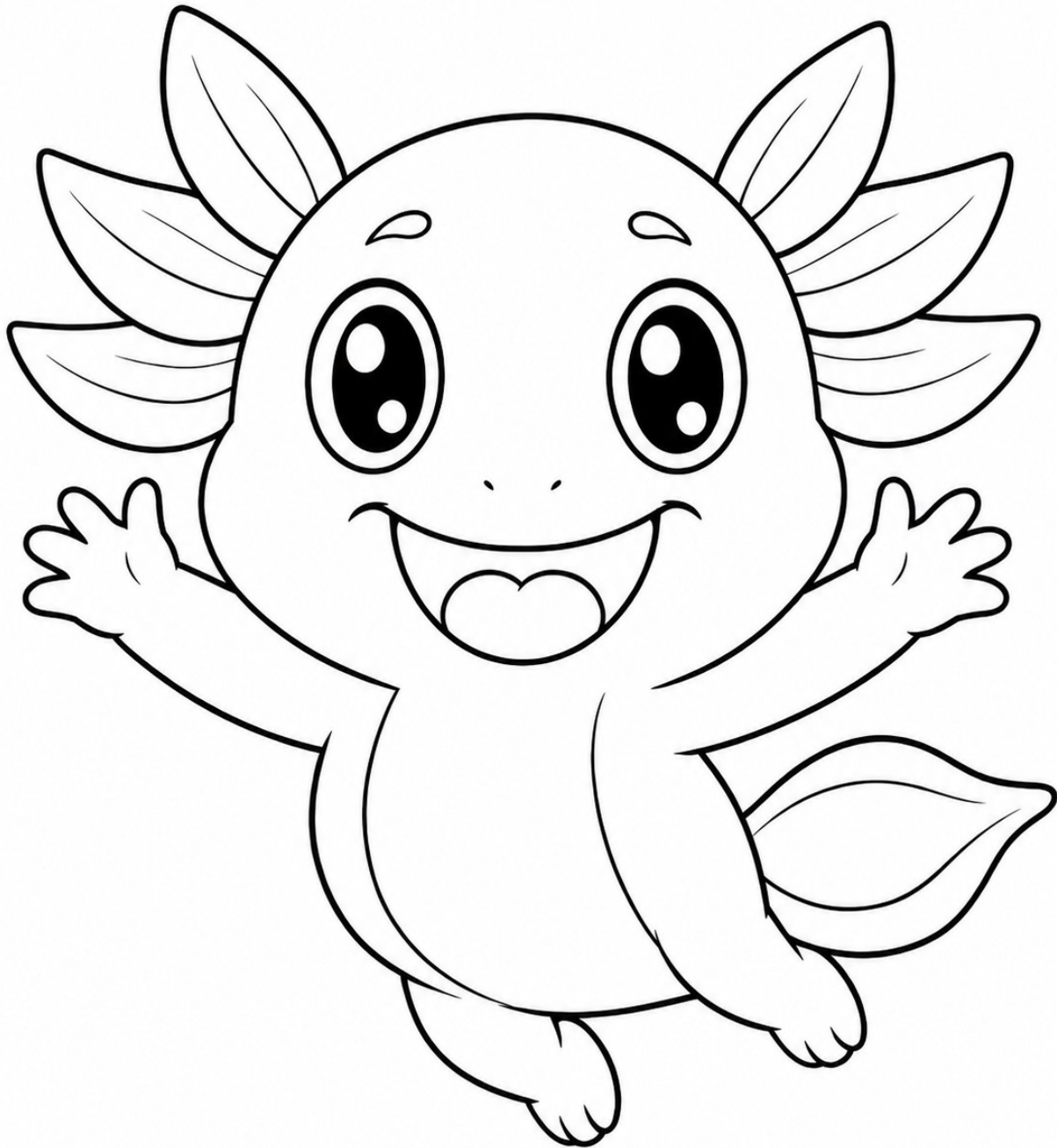
10 coloring pages + a read-aloud guide for ages 3–7

From the AXOL Kids picture-book series by Keith Schmidt, MD

Free to print, share with friends, and bring to the classroom.

Color AXOL

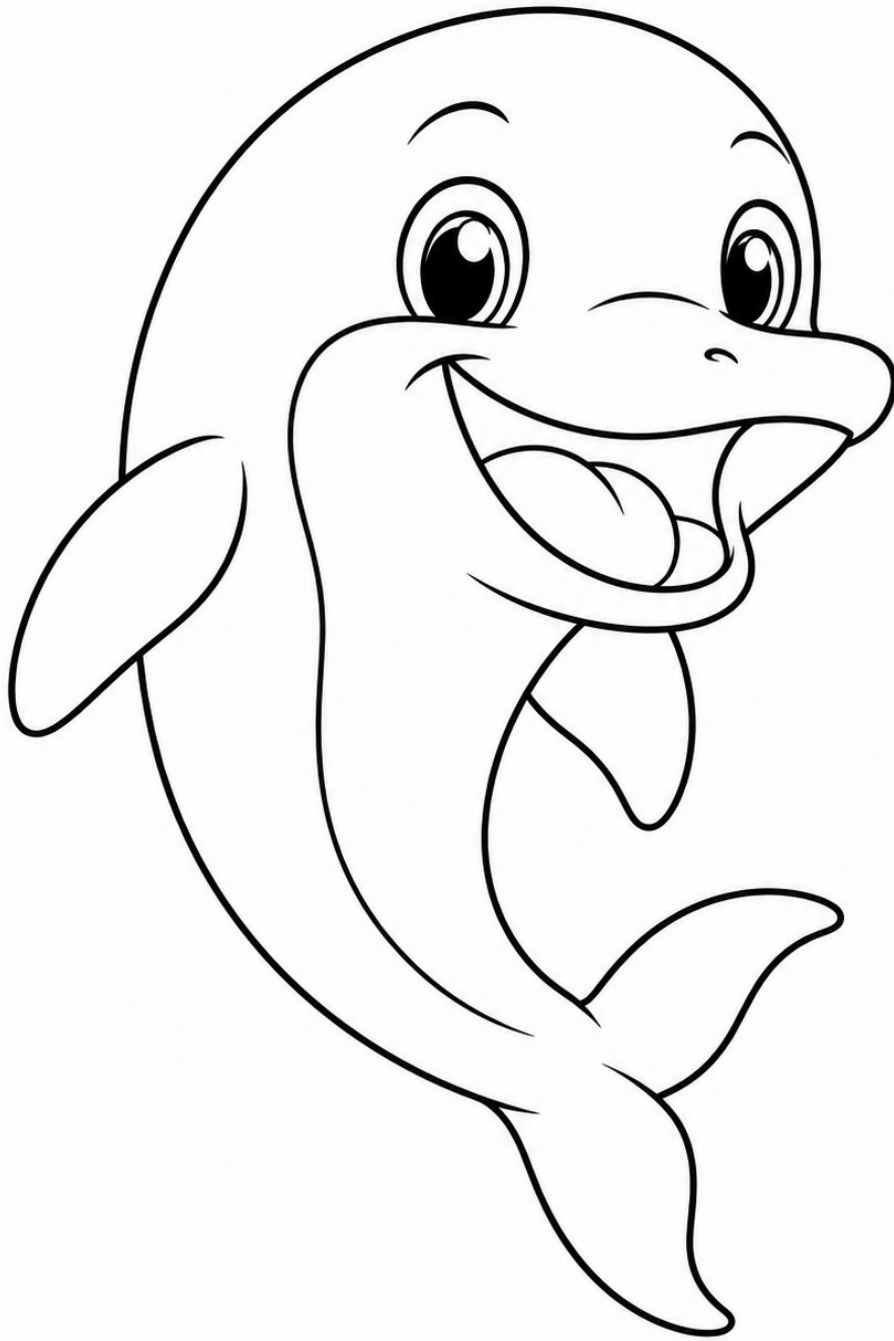
The axolotl · The hero



AXOL is curious, kind, and full of wonder. What colors does AXOL wear in the reef? Make AXOL your own!

Color Dylan

The dolphin · The best friend



Dylan is always the first to lift a friend up. Loyal, gentle, and full of bubbles. What color is your Dylan?

Color Maggie

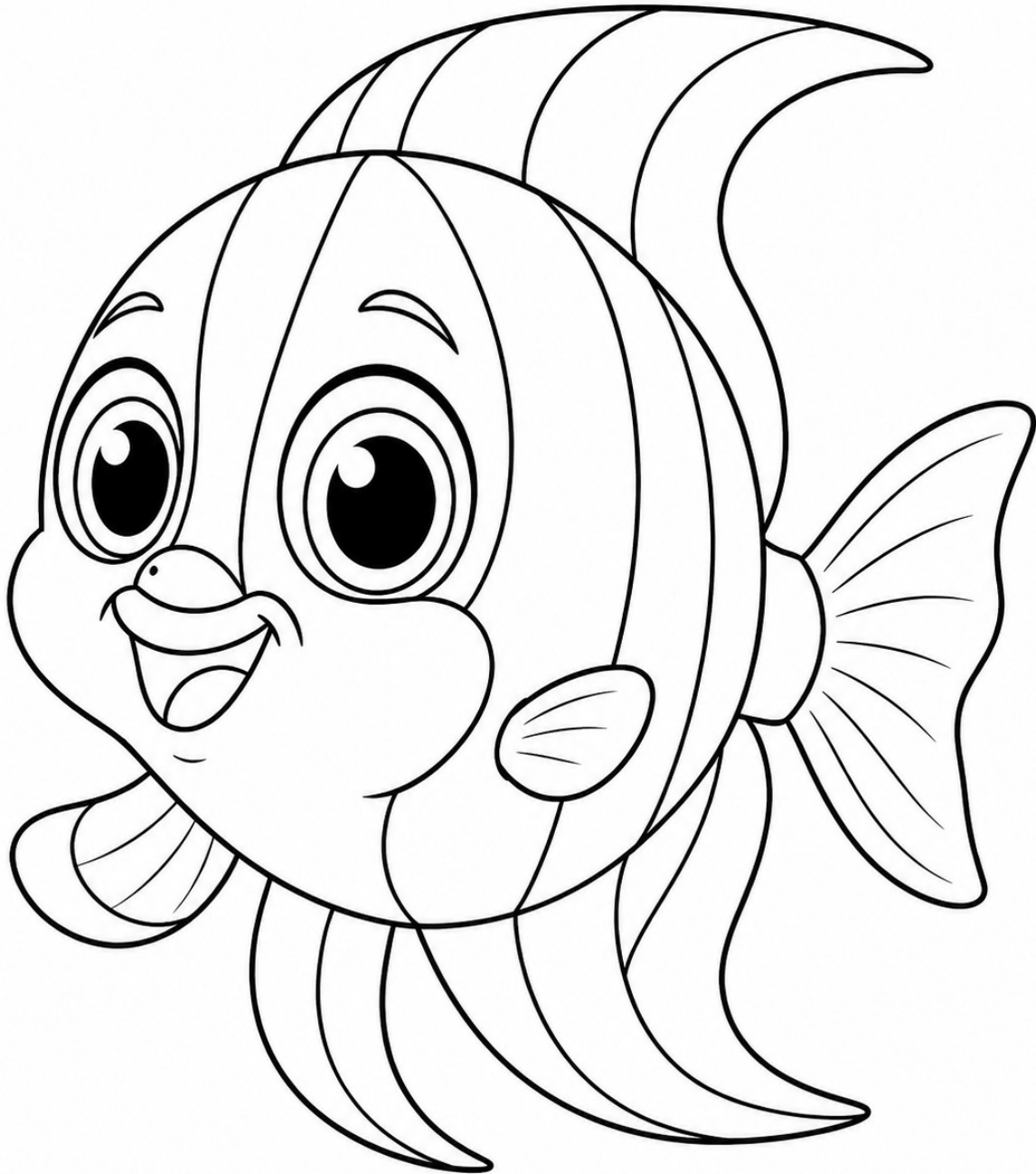
The seahorse · The gentle friend



Maggie is the reef's quiet heart — the first to notice when a friend is sad. Color her soft and warm.

Color Isabella

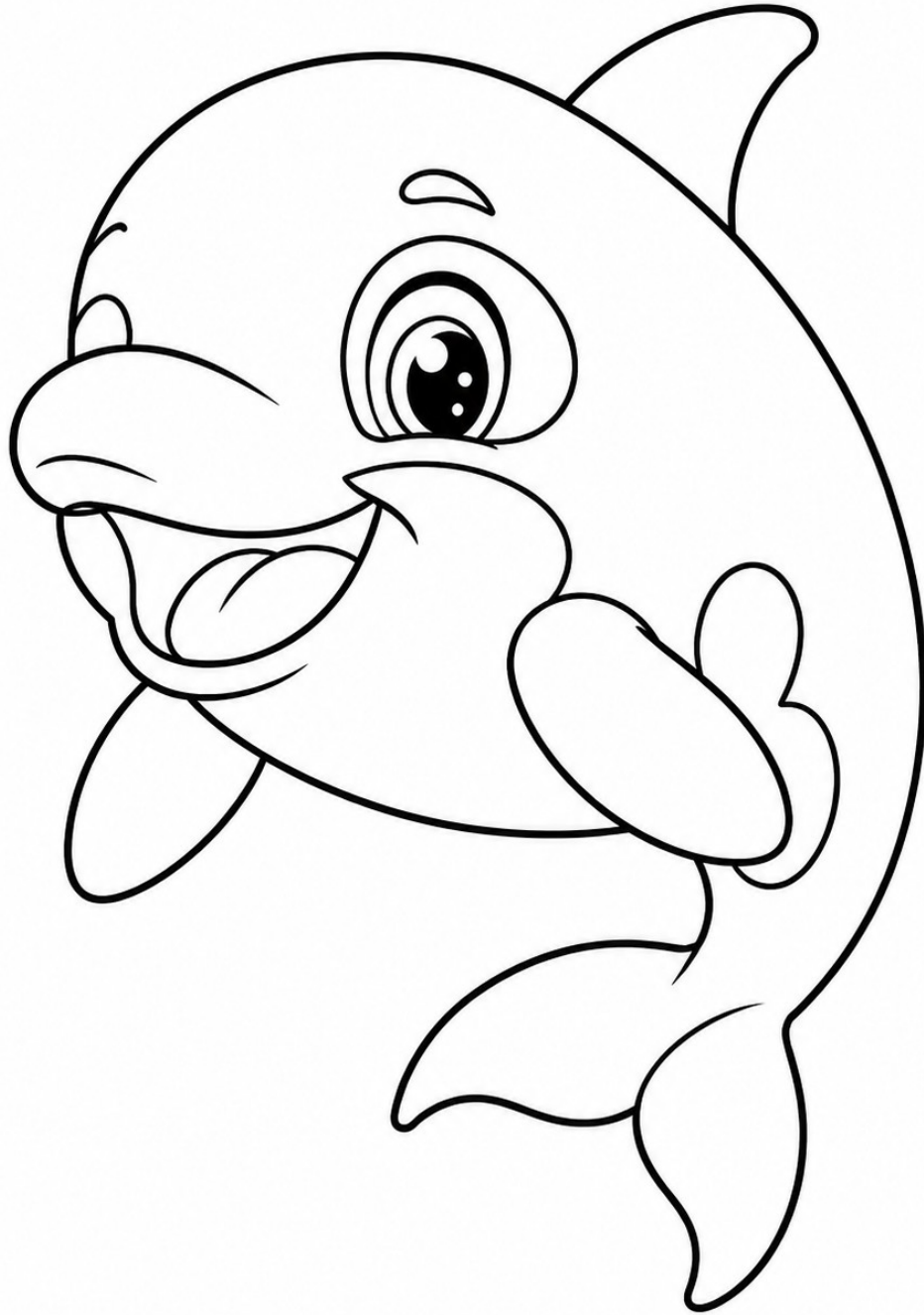
The angelfish · The cheerful friend



Isabella swims through the reef like a song. Color her stripes in any colors that make you smile.

Color Jason

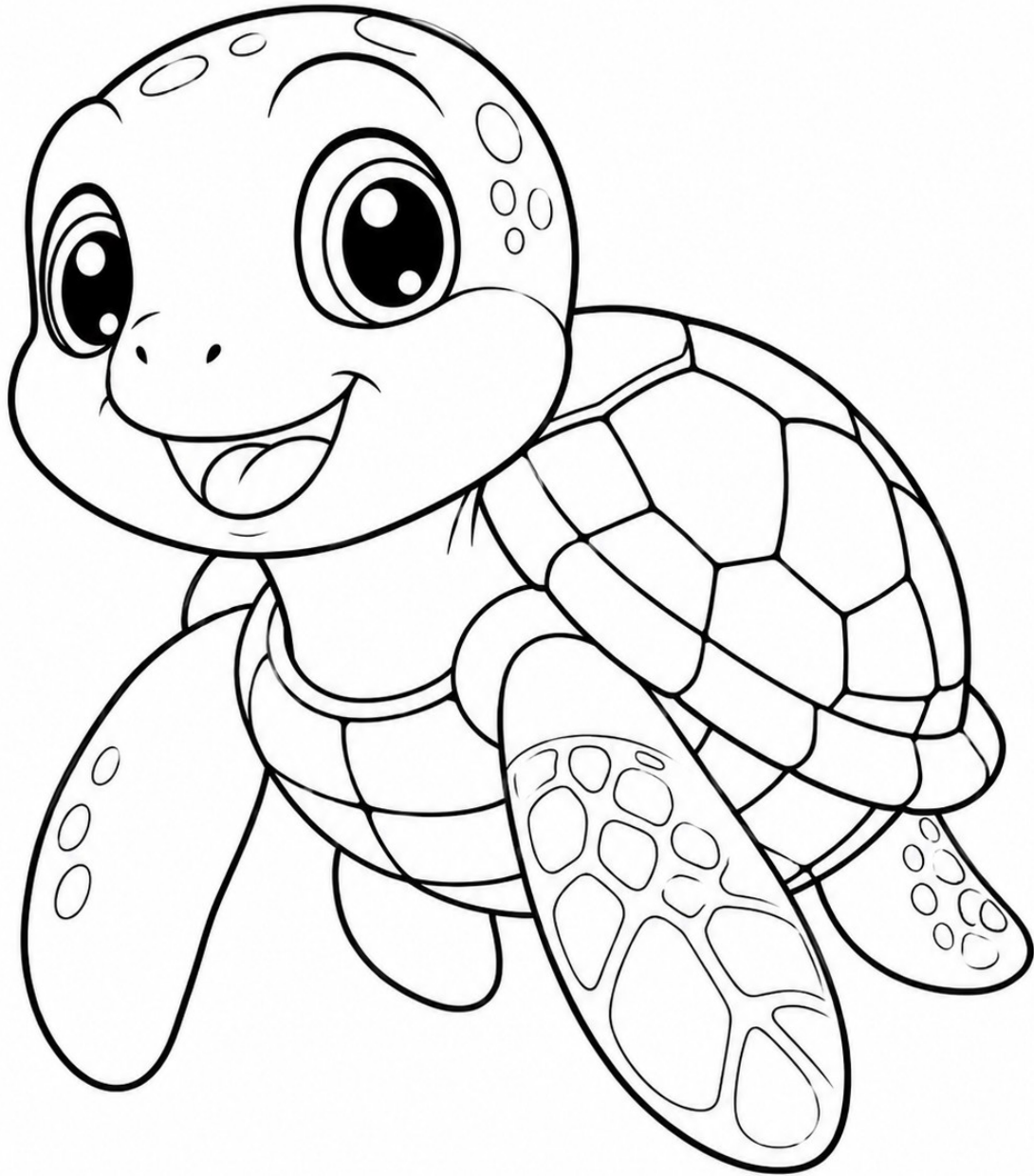
The orca · The strong protector



Jason looks out for everyone. He's big, brave, and kind. Will you make him classic black and white, or something brand new?

Color Tyler

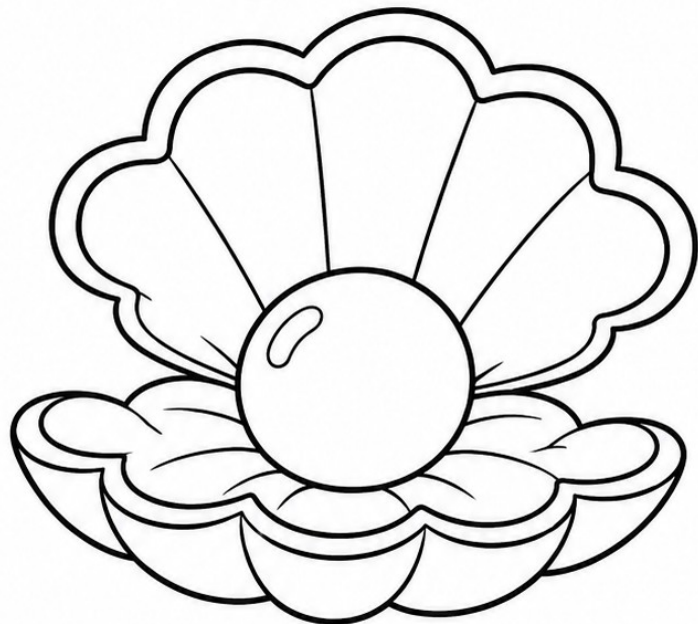
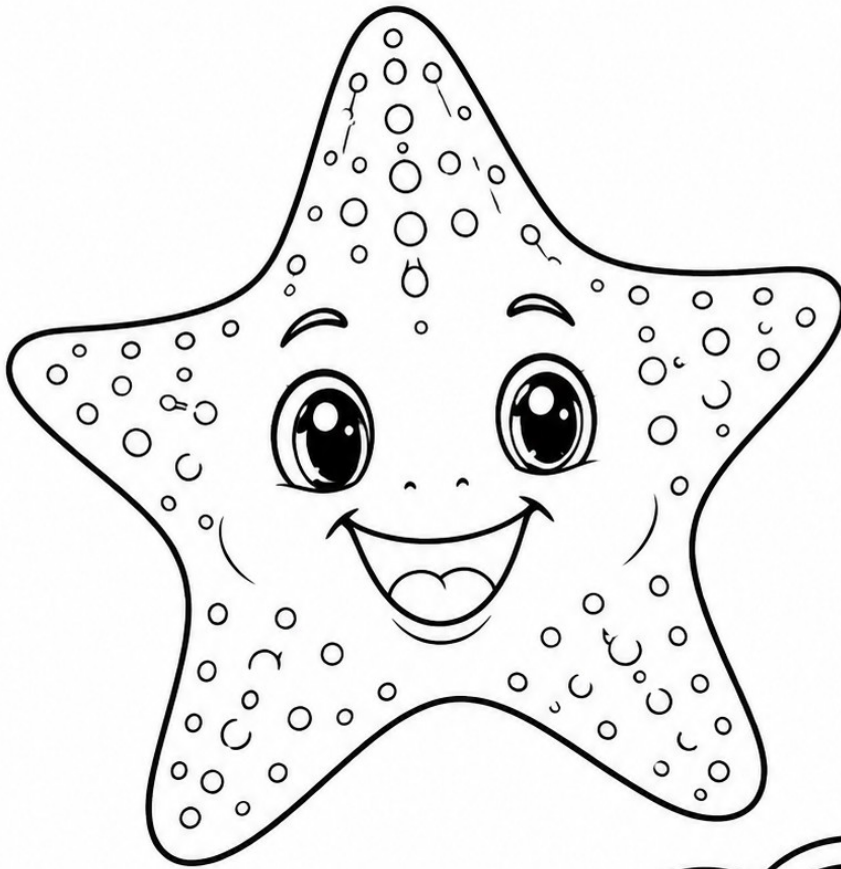
The turtle · The calm helper



Tyler takes his time and helps everyone breathe. Color his shell however you'd like!

Color Lexi & Pearla

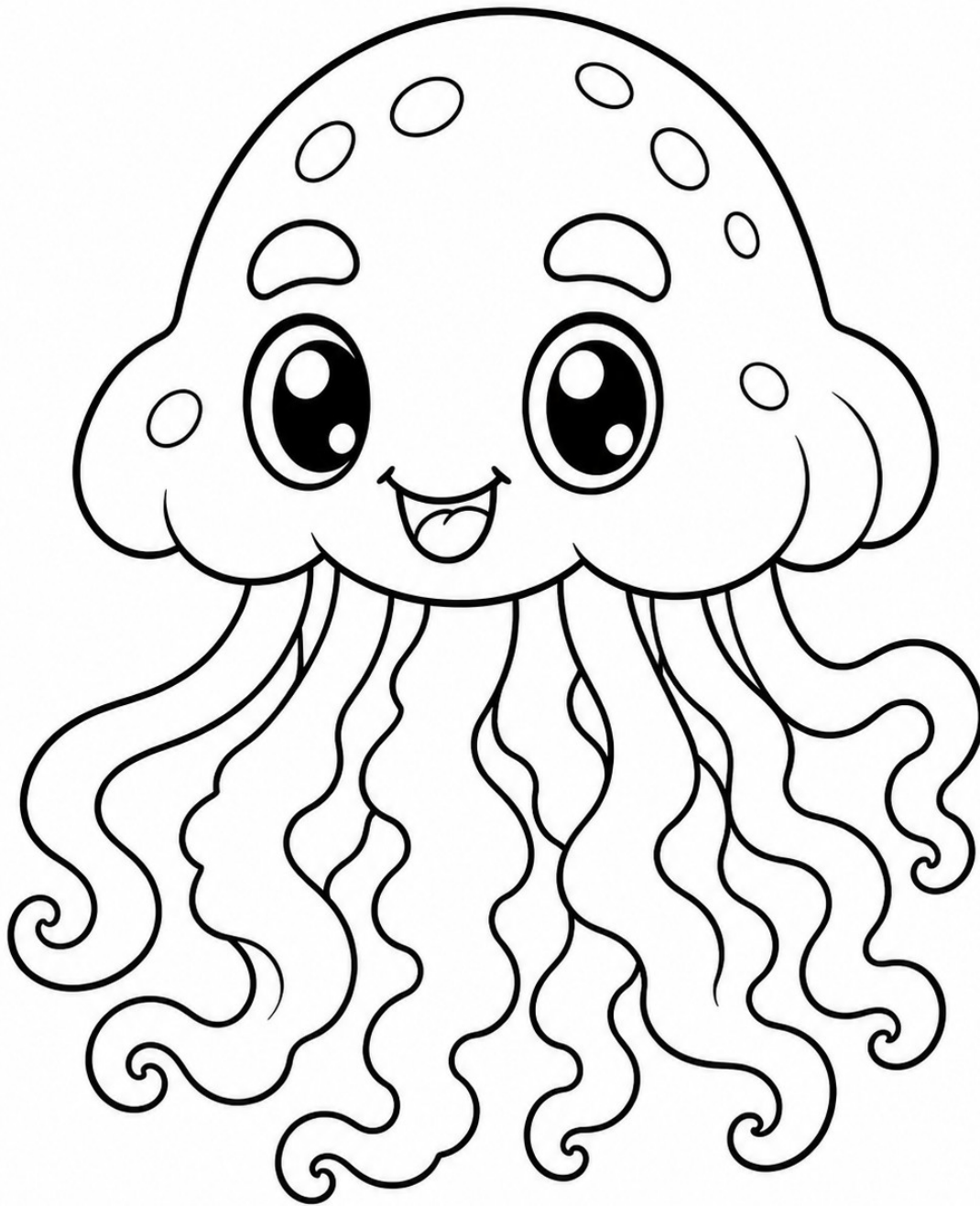
Lexi the starfish · Pearla the clam



Lexi (the sunny friend) and Pearla (the wise keeper of the pearl) are best buddies. Two friends, one page!

Color Jelly

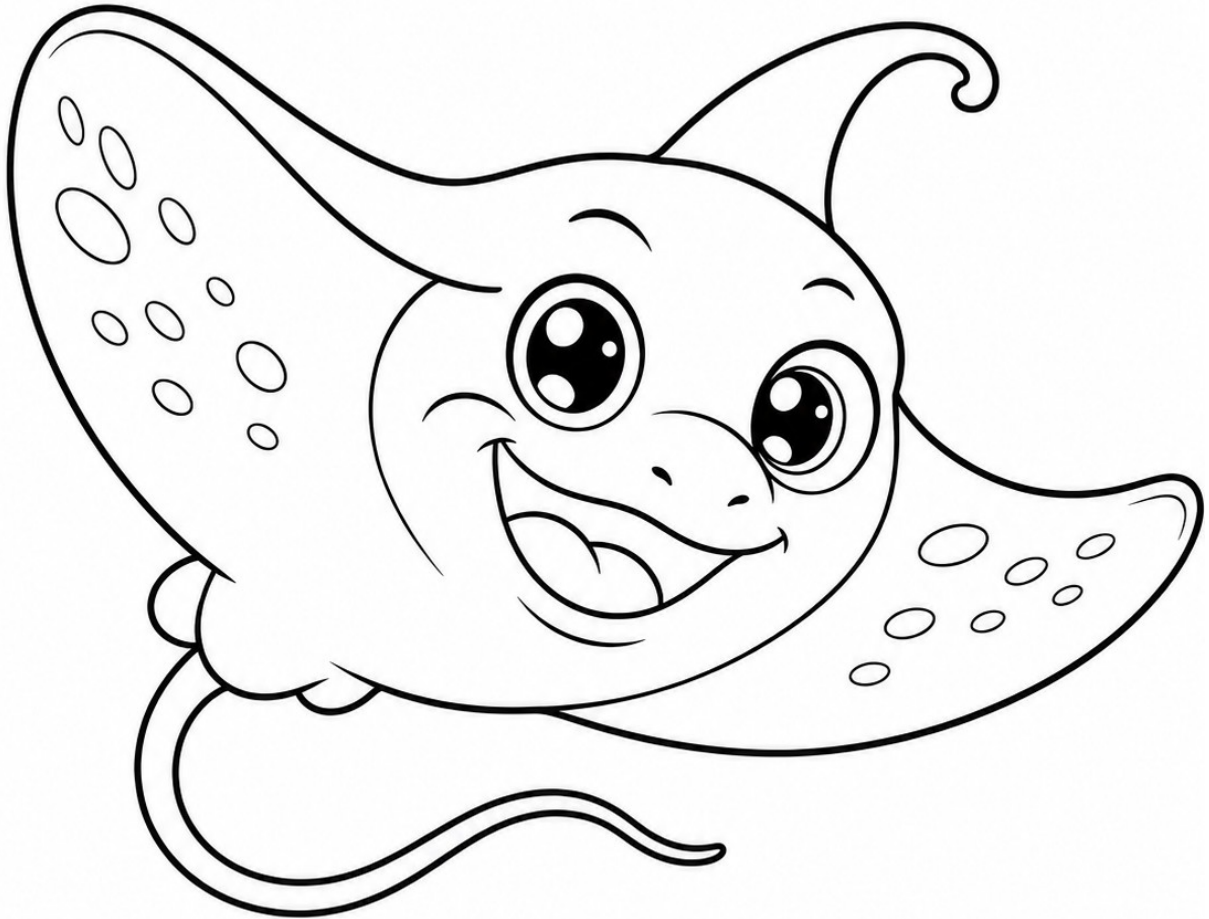
The jellyfish · The moody one



Jelly drifts with the current. Sometimes happy, sometimes blue — what mood is your Jelly today?

Color Spike

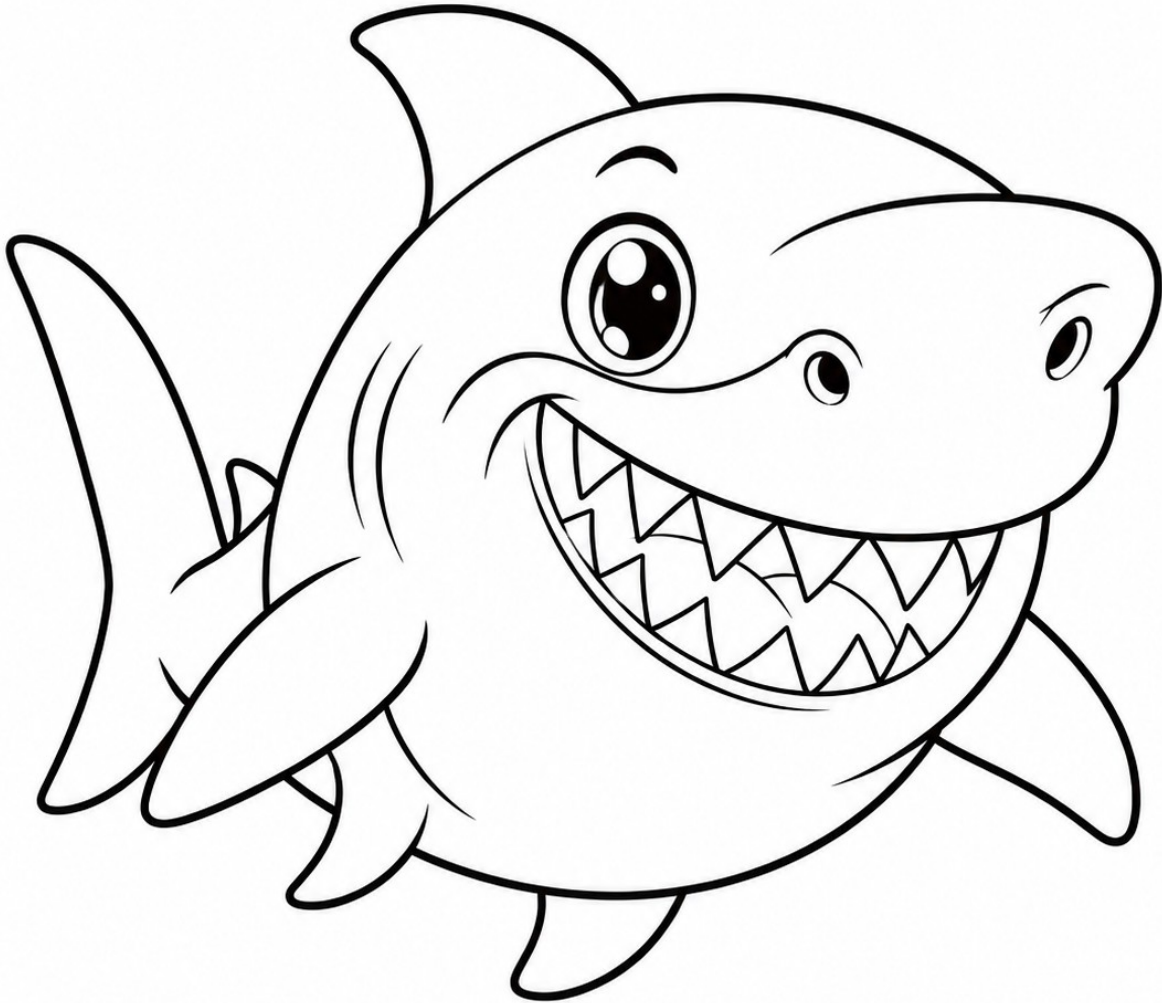
The stingray · The sneaky trickster



Spike loves a good prank. Color his spots wild and his smile a little sneaky.

Color Chomp

The shark · The bully



Chomp is learning, little by little, that friends are better than scaring people. Color him brave.

Read-Aloud Discussion Guide

AXOL Learns to Share

Before you read

Show the cover. Ask: 'What do you think AXOL is holding? Why is it glowing?'

During the read

Pause when AXOL hides the pearl. Ask: 'How do you think his friends are feeling? Why?'

After you read

Five gentle questions for your little reader:

1. What did AXOL want to keep just for himself?
2. When the pearl floated away, who helped him look for it?
3. Have you ever had something you didn't want to share? What happened?
4. What does the story say about sharing with friends?
5. If you found a magic pearl, who would you share it with?

A note from Keith Schmidt, MD

I'm a pain physician, father of four, and the dad who started writing AXOL stories for my own kids at bedtime. Reading together — even just ten minutes a night — does more for a child's brain than almost anything else parents can do. Thanks for sharing AXOL with your little one.