

TITLE: Island of the Blue Dolphins

AUTHOR: Scott O'Dell

CATEGORY/GENRE: J/Fiction, Historical Fiction

SERIES: Book one of two-part series; Book two: Zia

AWARDS: 1961 Newbery Medal, Lewis Carroll Shelf Award and eleven others.

SIMILAR BOOKS BY OTHER AUTHORS: The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare, Hatchet by Gary Paulsen and Number the Stars by Lois Lowry.

AVAILABLE: STC Library, Libby (online) and Hoopla (online).

ABOUT THIS BOOK: This is the story of Karana, a twelve-year-old Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins in the Pacific. Year after year she watched and waited for a ship to take her away. While she waited, she kept herself alive by building shelter, making weapons, finding food and fighting her enemies, the wild dogs.

YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF... you crave adventure and enjoy stories of people who tap into their inner strengths to survive against all odds. The added bonus of this book is the author's brilliant description that puts you (the reader) squarely in the middle of every page.