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Dr. Prager is a marine scientist and author, widely recognized for her expertise and ability to make science entertaining and understandable for people of all ages. She currently works as a freelance writer, consultant, and science advisor to Celebrity Cruises in the Galapagos Islands. She was previously the Chief Scientist for the Aquarius Reef Base program in Key Largo, FL, which includes the world's only undersea research station, and at one time the Assistant Dean at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Dr. Prager has built a national reputation as a scientist and spokesperson on earth and ocean science issues and is a sought-after speaker for public-oriented events. She has appeared on The Today Show and NBC News, Good Morning America, CNN, Fox News, CBS Early Show, Larry King, The Weather Channel, in shows for the Discovery Channel and was a consultant for the Disney movie, Moana.

Dr. Prager focuses much of her time on bringing earth and ocean science to the public through writing, working with the media, creating innovative partnerships, and speaking events. Her upcoming publication *Dangerous Earth: Gamechangers, Insights, and Science Unknowns* will take an engaging look at what scientists wish they knew about climate change, volcanoes, hurricanes, and more. In October 2019 her next adventure novel for middle graders, *Escape Galapagos*, will be released. While full of fast-paced adventure and humor, the book also integrates science, conservation, and fun learning into the story. It is the first book in a series entitled *The Wonder List Adventures* to be published by Tumblehome Inc. The first book in her previous middle grade series, *The Shark Whisperer*, has been called "an underwater Harry Potter". Dr. Prager's previous popular science book, *Sex, Drugs, and Sea Slime: The Oceans' Oddest Creatures and Why They Matter*, took an entertaining look at marine biodiversity, its relevance to the average person, and why ocean life and resources are now at risk. Ocean advocate Carl Safina says of the book, "A great book for beginners and one even experts can learn from and enjoy—this is possibly the best general book ever written on creatures of the deep." It has also been called hilarious, tastefully salacious, and fascinating. She has written articles for scientific journals, public-oriented magazines, and several other books including *Chasing Science at Sea: Racing hurricanes, stalking sharks, and living undersea with ocean experts* and *The Oceans*. Dr. Prager has also published a series of children's books with the National Geographic Society, the first *SAND* received the 2000 Parents Choice Award, it was followed by *Volcano* and then *Earthquakes*.

Dr. Prager has participated in research expeditions to places such as the Galapagos Islands, Papua New Guinea, Caribbean, Bahamas, and the deep waters of the Florida Reef tract. She obtained a BA from Wesleyan University, Connecticut, a MS from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, and in 1992, a PhD from Louisiana State University.

In 1992, as a faculty scientist at Sea Education Association (SEA) in Woods Hole, MA, Dr. Prager taught oceanography to undergraduates, teachers, and senior citizens in a unique educational program in which classroom learning is supplemented by extensive hands-on experience at sea aboard tall sailing ships. She later became the resident director of the National Undersea Research Center in the Bahamas. In 1997, she joined the U.S. Geological Survey where she split her time between scientific research in marine geology, oceanography, and coral reefs and public education. During 1998, the International Year of the Ocean (YOTO), Dr. Prager co-chaired the subcommittee on research, exploration, and education for the National Ocean Conference presided by the President and Vice President. Dr. Prager was a member and then Chairman of the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel for the federal government and was hired by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy to help write their report to Congress and the President. She continues to focus her efforts on developing innovative and entertaining ways to share her passion for the oceans and the environment with others.