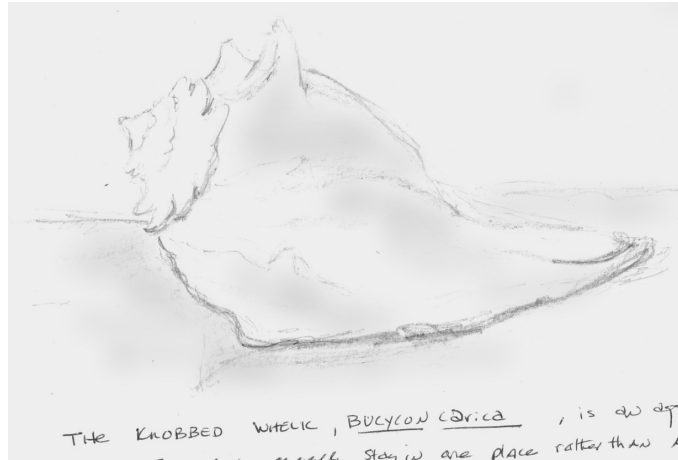


# Drawing from the WATER

In celebration of our OCEAN PLANET



June 7, 2006 was a day that changed my life. On that day, I attended the opening sessions of the first ever [Conference on Ocean Literacy \(CoOL\)](#) held in Washington, DC. I left the conference inspired and determined to become an [Ambassador for Ocean Literacy](#) - through my books, science literacy curricula, website, and speaking engagements. To inspire middle school students and teachers to feel a sense of ownership and wonder about their aquatic environments, both freshwater and marine, while at the same time engage them through the reading and the arts – this is my new educational mission. I hope you will join me on *The Voyage*.

PS. You will not need your cell phone – only your innate sense of curiosity, your five senses, a pencil, a sketchbook and, of course, a willingness to explore!

