



Island of the Blue Dolphins Web Resource

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Island of the Blue Dolphins is a work of historical fiction based on the life of an American Indian woman who spent 18 years in isolation on San Nicolas Island, one of eight Channel Islands off the coast of southern California.

This web resource highlights historical and scientific research related to the nineteenth century events and people that inspired Scott O'Dell to write the novel.

Students, teachers, and researchers can access key primary and secondary source materials. Natural and cultural resources that are mentioned in the book and protected in Channel Islands National Park are highlighted with photos, videos, and sound recordings. Those multimedia offerings enhance the learning experience and include images and footage of elephant seals, cormorants, kelp beds, and archeological sites.

Also included on the web resource is an extensive digital archive that collects and interprets more than 100 years of news reporting on the Lone Woman of San Nicolas Island, the historical model for Karana, and a rich array of teacher lesson plans suitable for grade four through university level students.



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