

*For countless voyages I have hung over the bow of passenger steamers in mid-ocean, making of myself a figurehead of sorts, straining my eyes downwards to watch the living creatures which whirled into sight and swept past. Dolphins, flyingfish, tunny, an occasional shark these are familiar to all who have ever glanced over the bow. But the rays of the slanting sun striking obliquely into the smooth surface often revealed a myriad, myriad motes more like aquatic dust than individual organisms, which filled the water from the very surface to as deep as the eye could penetrate.*

— from *The Arcturus Adventure* by William Beebe (1877–1962)

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