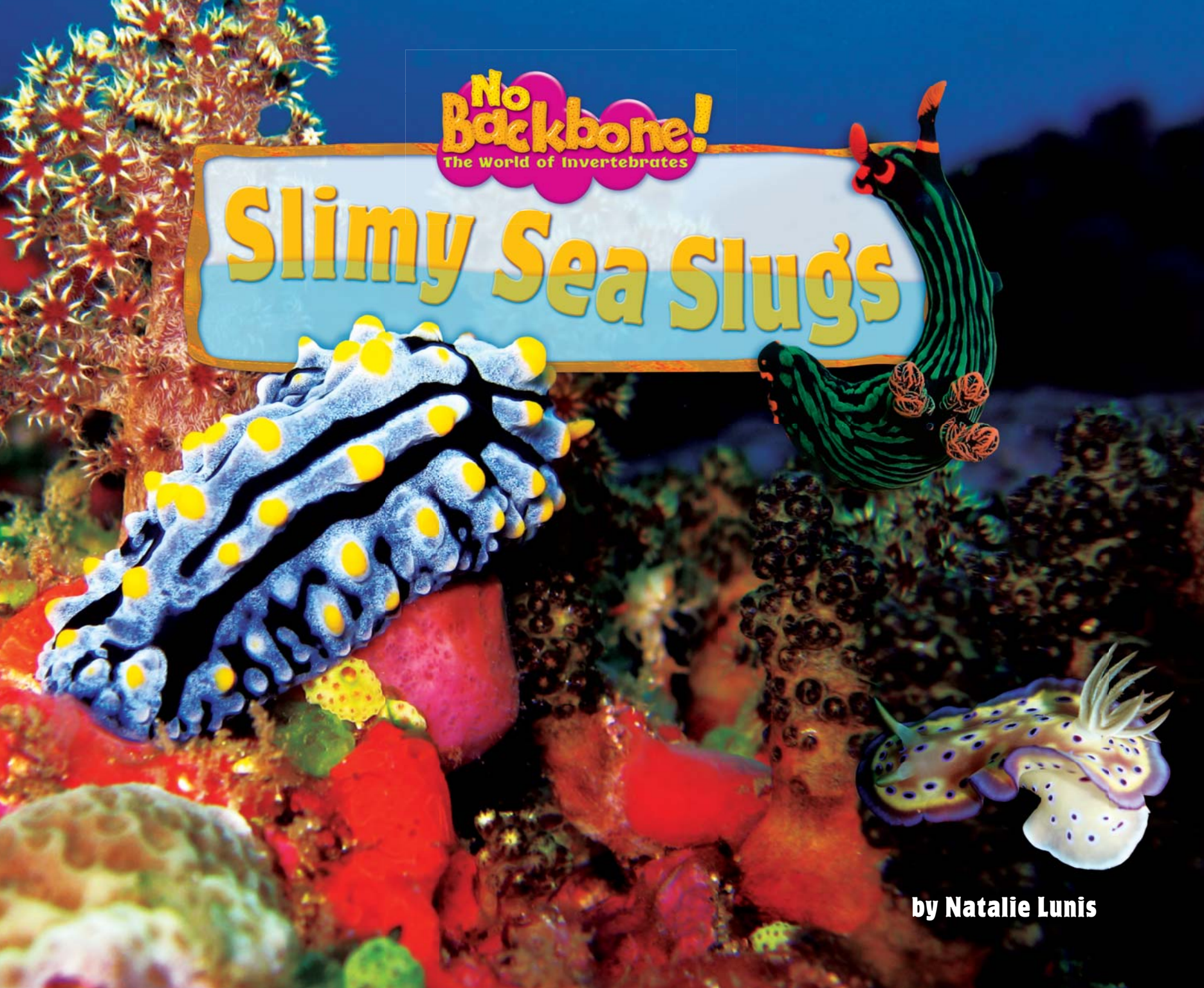


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Slugs of the Sea

Sea slugs are animals that live in the sea.

Like land slugs, they are just snails without shells.

They are also animals without **backbones**.

In fact, slugs and snails don't have any bones at all in their soft bodies.

Many kinds of slugs and snails live on land. Even more kinds live in the ocean.





sea slug

Trails of Slime

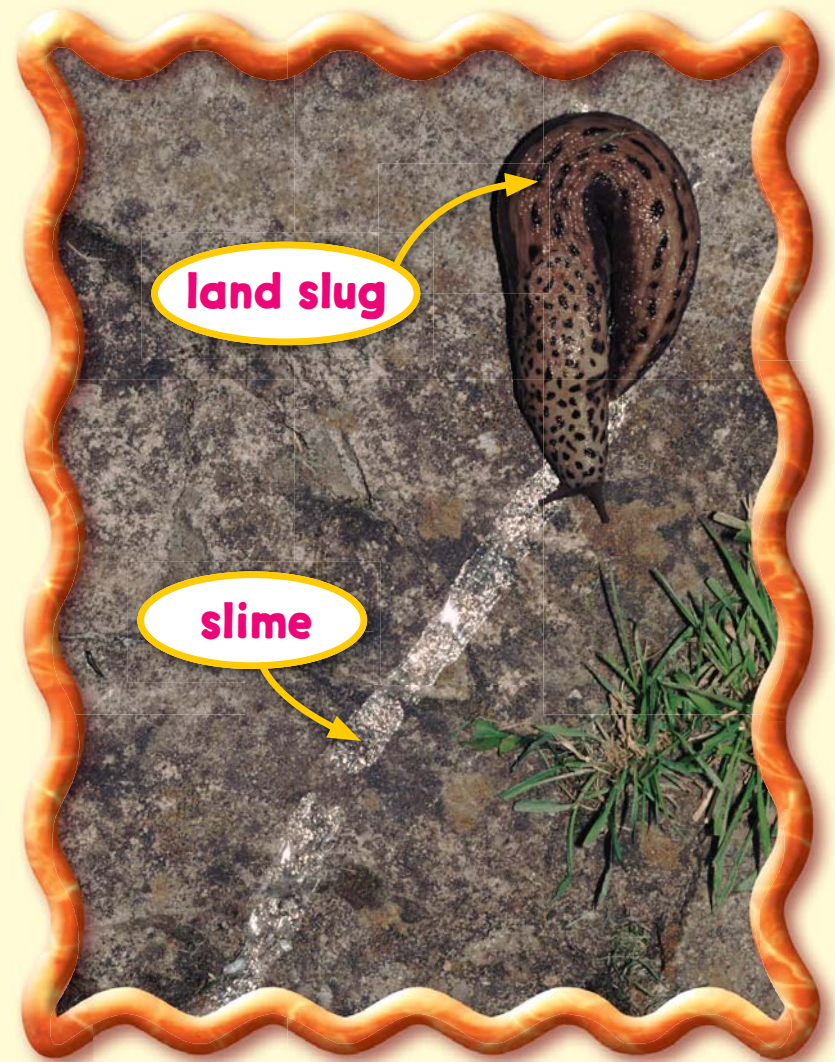
Land slugs make trails of slime with their bodies.

The slime helps them move along the ground.

Sea slugs make trails of slime, too.

The slime helps them move along the ocean floor.

Many sea slugs have feathery **gills** on their backs. The gills help them breathe underwater.





gills



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Sea slugs are able to hide by changing the color of their bodies.
How? They become the color of the animals they eat. This is
just one of many surprising facts waiting to be discovered in the
weird and watery world of these colorful creatures.



Crawling Crabs

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Slimy Sea Slugs

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