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**SUMMER READING KICKS OFF  
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**SEAGLASS SUMMER**  
by Anjali Banerjee

“Always true to itself, this should find a wide readership.”—

Critically acclaimed author **Anjali Banerjee** pens a heartwarming and lyrical story of a young girl who pursues her dream of becoming a veterinarian in **SEAGLASS SUMMER** (Wendy Lamb Books / On sale May 11, 2010 / Ages 8–12 / \$15.99). Banerjee crafts a sweet story while touching on deeper truths of compassion, suffering, and the challenges of growing up.



Eleven-year-old Poppy Ray has always wanted to be a veterinarian, even though she has never had a pet. So when Poppy spends a month over summer vacation with her Uncle Sanjay, veterinarian and owner of the Furry Friends Animal Clinic on Nisqually Island off the coast of Washington, she is in for big surprises. She learns that there's more to taking care of animals than the stethoscope and cotton swabs in her Veterinarian First Aid Kit. Poppy realizes that part of being a veterinarian means caring for the pets' owners as well; she discovers it's not so easy to stay calm and cool in the face of pain, suffering, and abandonment. Poppy meets and cares for many of the island's animals over the summer, and even makes some new human friends, too, like Hawk, the clinic manager's 13-year-old son. During her time at Uncle Sanjay's clinic, and with the aid of some seaglass and intuition, Poppy learns about life and death, love and compassion, and the pain and joy of working with animals.

**SEAGLASS SUMMER**, written with warmth and humor, tells the story of a resourceful, determined girl who can't wait to grow up, but begins to realize just how much she has left to discover.

**Anjali Banerjee** is the author of *Maya Running* (Wendy Lamb Books/2005) and *Looking for Bapu* (Wendy Lamb Books/2006). She was born in India, grew up in Canada and California, and received degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. Her Pushcart Prize–nominated fiction has appeared in several literary journals. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband. Readers can visit her online at [www.anjalibanerjee.com](http://www.anjalibanerjee.com).

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