JELLIFISH HOLD a peculiar position in the hierarchy of animal kingdoms. For many of us, they are the most familiar animals that swim in the ocean. They are also the simplest animals, with a few strings of cells known as "nematocysts" that can deliver a painful sting. However, as Juli Berwald notes in her book "Jellyfish: The Wondrous and Wonderfully Simple Creatures That Run the Ocean’s Common Inhabitants," jellyfish are also among the most complex and enigmatic of all marine life. The scientists who study jellyfish are fascinated by them, and yet they continue to be enigmatic subjects of study. Berwald's book is a guide to how little we know about the jellyfish, and for those of us who are interested in marine biology, it is a fascinating read.

Berwald's book is a beautifully written guide to the world of jellyfish. She begins by describing the origin of jellyfish, and how they evolved from simple creatures into the complex organisms they are today. She then goes on to describe the different types of jellyfish, from the simple, flat jellyfish to the more complex, colonial jellyfish. Berwald also discusses the behavior of jellyfish, and how they use their stinging cells to capture their prey.

One of the most intriguing aspects of jellyfish is their ability to regenerate. Berwald describes how jellyfish can regrow lost body parts, and how they can even regenerate entire bodies. This ability is not limited to jellyfish, but is also found in other marine organisms, such as starfish and sea anemones. Berwald notes that this ability to regenerate is a key factor in the success of jellyfish in the ocean.

Berwald also discusses the importance of jellyfish in the ocean ecosystem. She notes that jellyfish play a vital role in the food web, and are important prey for many other marine animals. She also describes how jellyfish are used in the food industry, and how they are harvested for use in jellyfish farming.

Berwald's book is a wonderful introduction to the world of jellyfish. It is beautifully written, and is a great read for anyone interested in marine biology. It is also a great resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the wonders of the ocean.