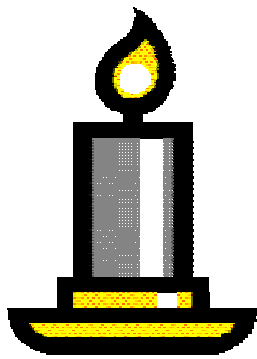


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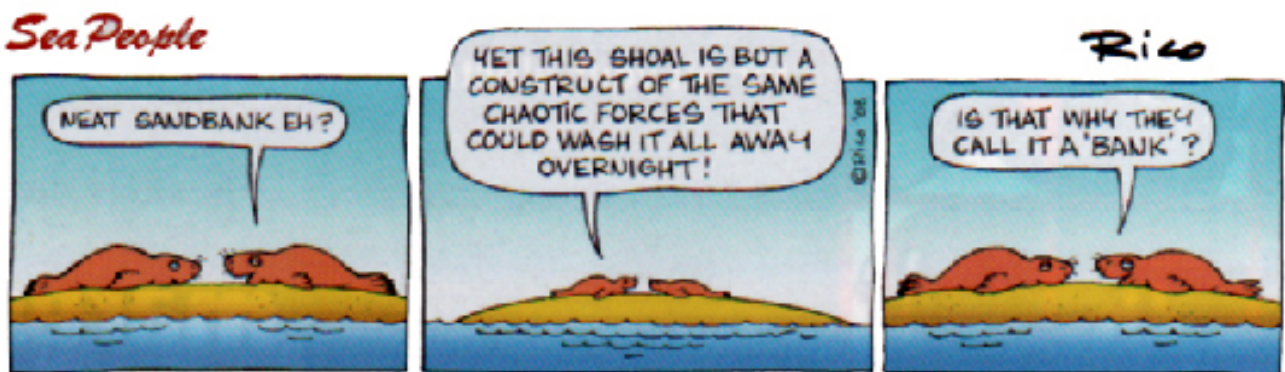
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## FREE DOWNLOAD

*Dilo and the Isle of the Gods* to friends of IDW for schools and educational purposes.

Offer closes 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008

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Cartoon by Rico - the illustrator of the Dilo books - from the December 2008 issue of DIVER magazine.

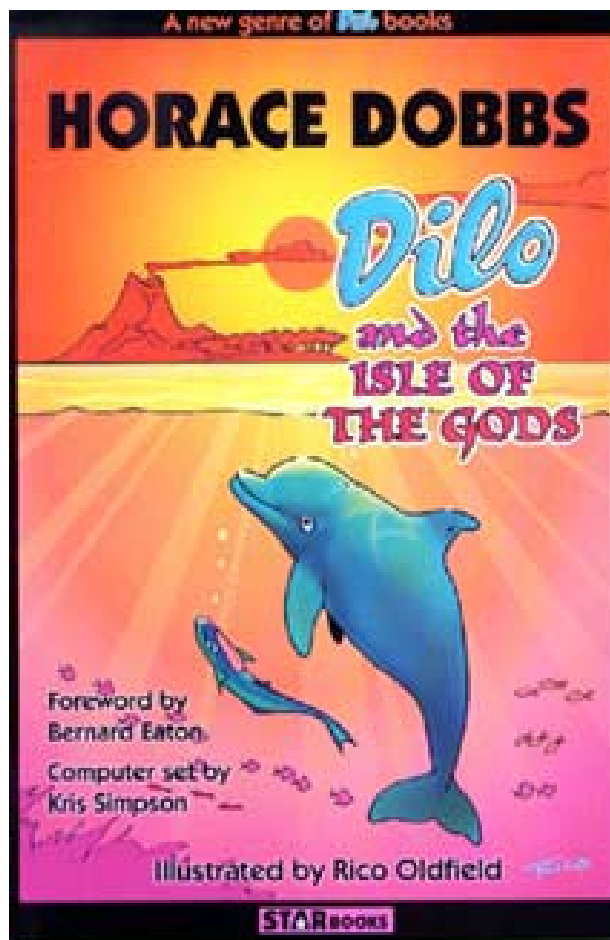
## Dilo and the Isle of the Gods Book Launch

21 November 2008

World renowned author and dolphin expert Dr. Horace Dobbs is launching his latest book *'Dilo and the Isle of the Gods'* at the Riverside Building, Hessle, England.

- Location:** The Riverside building, Livingstone Road, Hessle, Hull HU13 0DZ
- Details:** To celebrate the reappearance of porpoises in the River Humber, the world-renowned author and dolphin expert Dr. Horace Dobbs is giving a presentation at the Riverside building whilst launching his new book, the sixth in a series of stories about a fictional dolphin named Dilo.
- Date:** Friday 21 November 2008
- Time:** 12:30 start – 1:30-2:00 finish

At the Book Launch, Horace Dobbs will be signing exclusively the eagerly anticipated new book – *Dilo and the Isle of the Gods*, the sixth in the series, which follows the adventures of a mischievous and playful fictional dolphin named Dilo. The book is aimed at children and adults alike and introduces readers to the undersea world of the dolphin.



Author  
**HORACE DOBBS**  
A Scholar Gypsy - *Daily Telegraph*



Horace Dobbs thrills audiences around the world telling them of the countless experiences he has had with wild dolphins in the open sea.

When writing the Dilo books Horace calls upon the many adventures he had when filming his prize winning TV series *Wonders of the Underwater World*

Having spent a decade in medical research studying drugs that affect the brain Dr Dobbs has always been intrigued by how dolphins use their large brains.

Illustrator **Rico**



As well as being an accomplished artist Rico has a genius for capturing the features of sea creatures and giving them human expression. When Horace saw Rico's cartoon strips in *DIVER* magazine he knew immediately that the artist had a great knowledge and understanding of the animals he drew with such humour. Horace was delighted when Rico agreed to illustrate the Dilo stories. They became very good friends and have had many hilarious moments diving and filming dolphins together. Rico is a freelance artist. One of his passions is exploring and unravelling the history of ancient shipwrecks. Rico works from a converted working barge in Lancashire and is the director of an underwater film unit 'DEEPTREK' [www.rico@deeptrek.net](http://www.rico@deeptrek.net)

## *Dilo - New Adventures*

**Dilo** is off on his adventures again. Ever since *Dilo in Lighthouse Bay* was published in 2006 fans have been clamouring for the next book. Well they certainly won't be disappointed with this latest epic dolphin tale by master story teller Horace Dobbs.

## Cleverly educational and hugely entertaining

Dilo's latest escapades begin when he meets a wise old turtle named Tina.

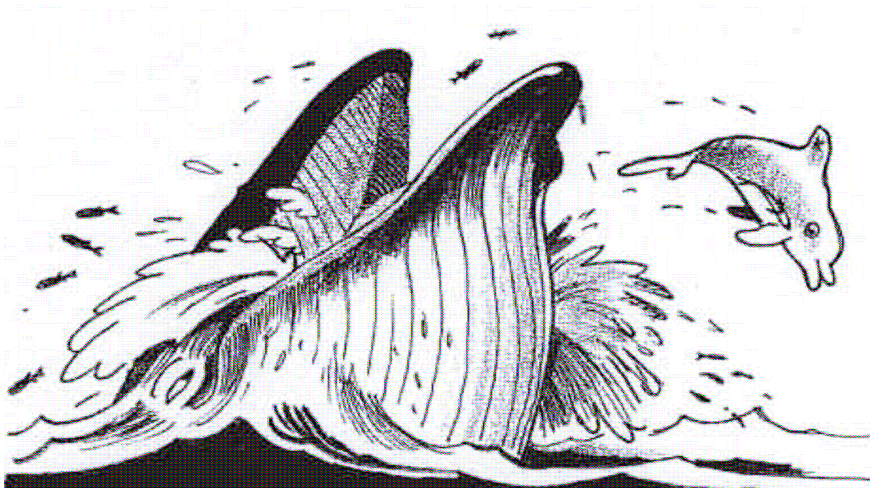
"I know a place you can go to for an adventure," she tells him. "It's called the Isle of the Gods. But beware. It's beautiful but it is also dangerous."

Just as Dilo is about to set off on his journey, a fish with a suction pad on its head, called a remora, decides it would like to join him for a free ride. And sticks herself firmly to the dolphin. Try as he might Dilo can't get rid of his unwanted passenger. Eventually, he resigns himself to the fact that he is stuck with Rema, as she calls herself. Thereafter it becomes a Pinocchio/Jiminy Cricket relationship. Rema wants a peaceful life. But Dilo's zest for new experiences knows no bounds.

Here's how Horace describes the duo's encounter with two feeding humpback whales:

The fish were trapped by the bubble curtain as if it was a net. Dilo was not frightened by the bubbles. He swam into the bubble net with the fish. Beneath Dilo the second whale was rushing upwards. Its huge mouth was open wide. It was moving faster and faster. "Are you mad?" screamed Rema. The dolphin didn't hear. He was too excited. Suddenly Dilo could feel himself being pushed upwards by the water in front of the speeding whale. The dolphin was surrounded by a mass of writhing fish. There was mayhem all around him. Dilo heard an anguished cry. It was Rema.

"I don't want to die. I don't want to be eaten by a whale."



At the last minute Dilo jumps out of danger of course. This is a typical example of what Bernard Eaton, publisher of DIVER magazine, describes as: *A wonderful introduction to the underwater world and its wealth and wonders. **Dilo and the Isle of the Gods is cleverly educational as well as hugely entertaining.*** It is beautifully illustrated by Richard Oldfield, universally known as Rico, whose pictures appeal to children and adults alike.

Although written for kids this aspect of the Dilo books makes them very popular with adults – especially divers. Indeed, the entire Dilo series is based on Horace’s enormous wealth of undersea adventures – especially with dolphins.

### **Other DILO Books in the Collection by HORACE DOBBS**



### **Watch Publishing**

All five of these Dilo books are available from the IDW bookshop and are published in paperback by:

Watch Publishing, 10 Melton Road, North Ferriby, E. Yorkshire HU14 3ET England.

Tel: 01482 632650 Email:horace@drdobbs.karoo.co.uk

The Dilo books are written in an easy-to read style for children age 7-11. Reviews indicate that these enthralling adventure tales are also greatly enjoyed by adults who often find some surprising facts hidden within them.

The books are illustrated throughout with black and white pen drawings in his inimitable style by highly acclaimed marine artist Rico Oldfield.

Although the books follow a sequence each one is a complete story in itself and can be read separately.

The first book in the series, *Dilo and the Call of the Deep*, introduces Dilo the dolphin. Dilo's mother loses her companions in a mysterious tragedy. She brings up Dilo on her own. Her son becomes her best friend. The book reveals the joys and perils of the undersea world as seen through the eyes and mind of a curious, mischievous young dolphin.

*Dilo Makes Friends* sees the arrival of "The Terrible Twins", Robin and Debra, to spend a holiday with their uncle Pat, Boka his dog, Sprat his cat. And Postie - the postman. After a frightening start Debra develops a very close friendship with Dilo the dolphin who swims beneath the lighthouse where the children are staying.

What happens when humans get gold fever is the theme for *Dilo and the Treasure Hunters*. Dilo gets into dire peril when villains use explosives to get at sunken treasure.

In *Dilo and the Witch of Black Rock* the reader finds out what it feels like for a dolphin, accustomed to being free in the open sea, to be captured and imprisoned in a dolphinarium. After his release by the Terrible Twins Dilo meets up with them again in *Dilo in Lighthouse Bay* where a fire on a huge oil rig puts him in mortal danger.

When his mother dies, Dilo wants to go with her into the next world. The ghost dolphins who come to escort her tell Dilo he can't go. He has a mission. And that is why he has a star on his dorsal fin.

At night when Dilo sees the Dolphin Constellation of stars in the heavens he knows that the spirit of his mother is always with him wherever he goes.

The series of Dilo books can be enjoyed separately. Each book is illustrated throughout in black and white by Rico.

You can order these books and also other books, DVD's and CD's by Horace Dobbs online through the **Dolphin Shop** [http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin\\_shop.html](http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin_shop.html)

## Dolphins in the Humber – you must be joking!

When local businessman, Ian Scruton sat looking out of his office window at the Riverside building the last thing he expected to see was a family of dolphins swimming past.

His office at the Riverside building may afford some of the most spectacular views of the River Humber the city has to offer, but few would expect the murky looking water to be home to such magnificent creatures. This is what prompted Ian to contact North Ferriby based dolphin expert, Dr. Horace Dobbs who was delighted to hear the news.

Dr. Dobbs was invited to visit the building and quickly realised that the stunning panoramic views would make it the ideal location from which to undertake vital conservation research. Employees at the building were invited to attend a special presentation by Dr. Dobbs where he encouraged them to jot down notes of their sightings to provide valuable data for the local Sea Watch Survey of whales and dolphins.

Ian Scruton, Managing Director Scruton & Co the company behind the Riverside building said: “People laughed at me when I told them I’d seen dolphins swimming past the office, they thought I’d imagined it. I was relieved when Horace confirmed this was possible and he said it was a sign that the river is healthy because porpoises and dolphins are opportunistic creatures who go wherever there they can catch a lot of fish.”

Dr Dobbs gives entertaining and amusing presentations about how he was persuaded to give up orthodox medical research to explore why humans have such an affinity with dolphins. Today he is a world leader in the field and his work takes him all over the globe where he uses the healing powers of dolphins to help children with special needs such as autism.

Horace said, “I’m delighted that Ian got in touch. It’s very important that people take an interest in the wildlife all around us and it still surprises me that so many people who live locally have no idea that porpoises and seals regularly visit the River Humber. It’s excellent that they’ve been seen again, it’s a great indicator of the productivity and health of the river.”

Money will be raised at the Book Launch for Dr. Dobbs’ non-profit organisation, International Dolphin Watch, which encourages youngsters to take part in dolphin activities, and has close links with the registered charity, Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes, that offers children and young adults with severe mental disadvantages the opportunity to fulfil their dreams of swimming with dolphins and brings joy and healing to special needs families. Dr. Horace Dobbs is Patron of this charity.

## Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes – registered charity 1121315

International Dolphin Watch and Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes, registered charity 1121315, working together to bring joy to special needs families. A Report on the Operation Sunshine Family Therapy 2008 Programme coming soon – some pictures taken on this programme in Bimini, Bahamas can be seen below. Photos by Atmo, Wildquest – Human Dolphin Connection who were our Hosts <http://www.wildquest.com/index.html> .

Anyone interested in finding out more should visit <http://www.operationsunshine.org/> and <http://www.dolphinfriend.com/>.



## The Echoes Foundation Official Launch

<http://www.echoesfoundation.co.uk/>



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## Theatrical Premiere of the film SAVING LUNA

5<sup>th</sup> December 2008

By Suzanne Chisholm, Michael Parfit and David Parfit

Mountainside Films, Sidney, BC

<http://www.mountainsidefilms.com/savingluna/>



We're happy to announce the theatrical premiere of our film, SAVING LUNA on **Friday, December 5, 2008** at the Ridge Theatre, 3131 Arbutus St., Vancouver, BC.

SAVING LUNA, the true story about the Orca who tried to make friends with people, has travelled the world's film festivals. It's received 17 awards and numerous other nominations, from Banff to Bermuda, Palm Beach to Paris, Santa Barbara to Seoul, Abu Dhabi to Australia, to Tokyo and beyond.

And now SAVING LUNA is returning home to British Columbia for its theatrical debut.

This film explores both the nature of friendship and the friendships of Nature, and has moved and charmed all ages. We get letters from people who saw it months ago at a film festival who are still thinking about it. This isn't really our doing. It's because of Luna himself, the film's energetic, funny, captivating, memorable orca star. Come to the theatre to see Luna's incredible story, and find

out why people around the world have fallen in love with him.

Please forward this e-mail to everyone you know in the Vancouver area. SAVING LUNA is scheduled for December 5-11 in Vancouver. Other Canadian cities will follow – please check with your local theatre.

If you care about orcas, animals, independent film, or just fine entertainment, please join us at SAVING LUNA.

Thanks and see you at the movies!

We hope that we can contribute in some way to a greater appreciation for these amazing cetaceans with whom we share this planet.

My best to you all,  
Suzanne Chisholm

**REVIEW BY DR. HORACE DOBBS, HONORARY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN WATCH**

[www.dolphinfriend.com](http://www.dolphinfriend.com)

*"SAVING LUNA is one of the most powerful films on the human dolphin relationship I have ever seen.*

*SAVING LUNA is a damning indictment on the lengths that organisations in authority will go to prevent rare wild cetaceans from fulfilling their inbuilt drive to make friendly contact with humans.*

*SAVING LUNA deserves all the accolades it has received.*

*GO AND SEE I T.*

*GET I T SHOWN WHERE YOU ARE*



Horace with Suzanne at the Dingle Conference 2008

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You can see further information/pictures of SAVING LUNA in my Personal Overview of the Dingle Conference where this film was the highlight for me – see the June Issue of the Friends of IDW Newsletter [http://www.newsletter.dolphinfriend.com/assets/applets/Newsletter\\_June\\_2008.pdf](http://www.newsletter.dolphinfriend.com/assets/applets/Newsletter_June_2008.pdf)

## **OTHER REVIEWS**

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"Remarkable. This film will stir even the hardest heart." *Royal Gazette*

"Astonishing. Mesmerizing. Poignant." *Santa Barbara Independent*

"A local story that found the universal." *Vancouver Sun*

"[T]he film is a delight." *The Globe and Mail*

"Riveting. Stunning." *Seattle Times*

Winner, Best Documentary, 2008, Canadian Film and Television Production Association

Winner, Audience Choice, Best Feature, 2008 Santa Barbara International Film Festival

Winner, Panda Award, Best People and Animals, 2008 Wildscreen Festival

Winner, Panda Award, Best Script, 2008 Wildscreen Festival

Winner, Black Pearl Audience Choice, 2008 Middle East International Film Festival

Winner, Audience Award, 2008 San Francisco Ocean Film Festival

Winner, Best Documentary, 2008 Bermuda International Film Festival

Winner, Best Documentary, 2008 Victoria Film Festival

Winner, Best Documentary, Nature/ Environment, 2008 Leo Awards

Winner, Special Jury Prize, 2008 Palm Beach International Film Festival

Winner, Special Jury Award. 2008 Banff Mountain Film Festival

Winner, Best Environmental Film, 2008 Byron Bay Film Festival

Winner, Best Storyline, 2008 International Wildlife Film Festival

Winner, Merit Award for Educational Value, 2008 International Wildlife Film Festival

Winner, Best Nature and Wildlife, 2008 WorldFest Houston International Film Festival

Winner, Best People and Animals, 2007 Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival

Winner, Best Canadian Film, 2008 Projecting Change Film Festival

Runner-up, Audience Choice, 2008 Bermuda International Film Festival

Runner-up, Audience Award, 2008 Our Island, Our World Film Festival

Nominated, International Documentary Association, 2008 Pare Lorentz Award

Nominated, Toyota Earth Grand Prix, 2008 Tokyo International Film Festival

Nominated, Best Canadian Documentary, 2007 Vancouver International Film Festival

Nominated, Best Maritime Film, 2008 GreenScreen International Wildlife Film Festival, Germany

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Telefilm Canada, through the Theatrical Documentary Program, presents SAVING LUNA.

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## Note From the Editor

**THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER - PLEASE KEEP YOUR STORIES COMING**

**WE ARE CREATING A GLOBAL NETWORK OF DOLPHIN LOVERS THAT CARE ABOUT OTHERS AND THE EARTH WE SHARE.**

**The Friends of IDW Newsletter is FREE** but if you would like to support the work of IDW to help dolphins and people, you can still **make a donation or adopt a dolphin** through the Dolphin Shop [http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin\\_shop.html](http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin_shop.html).

**Friends of IDW can advertise on** <http://www.dolphinfriend.com>. Email our Webmaster Terry Connell on <mailto:terryconnell1@btinternet.com>.

International Dolphin Watch has always striven to encourage youngsters to take part in dolphin activities. I hope therefore, that you will enrol as many children as you can to become DOLPHIN FRIENDS and encourage them to contribute to future Newsletters.

As Founder and Trustee of the charity 'Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes', I have recently returned from an amazing 2 weeks with Horace Dobbs, our Patron and Director of International Watch, along with some very special families. Horace and I look forward to sharing our dolphin adventures with you in the next Friends of IDW Newsletter.



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