

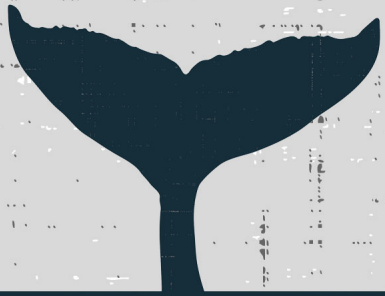


THE STORY OF JONAH

AND GOD'S RELENTLESS GRACE



God's Relentless Grace

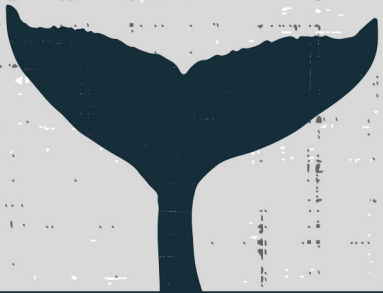


God's Relentless Grace

Where do we find it?

How do we find it?

What does it do?



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and he answered me;
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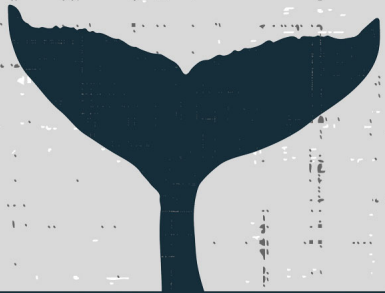
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“The belly of the fish is not a happy place to live, but it is a good place to learn”

-R. T. Kendall

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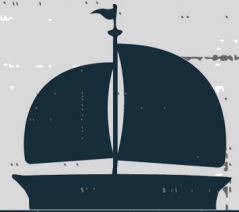
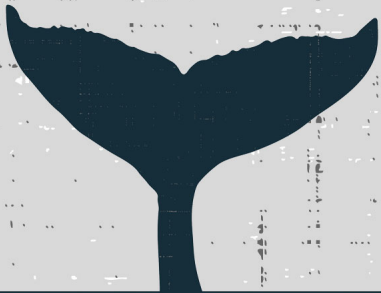
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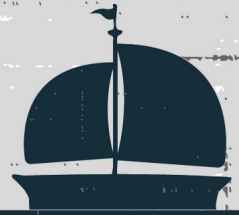
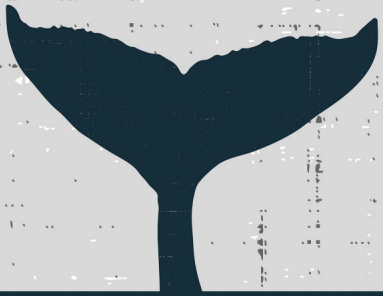
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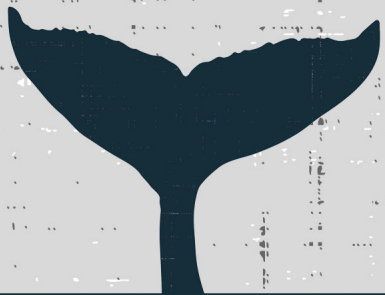
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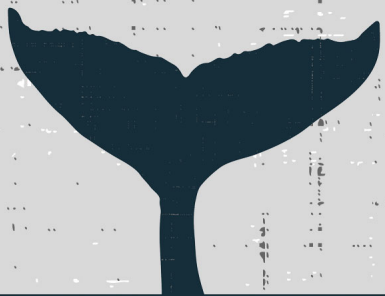
“[I] failed on an epic scale. An exceptionally short-lived marriage had imploded, and I was jobless, a lone parent, and as poor as it is possible to be in modern Britain without being homeless...”

“[I] began to direct all my energy into finishing the only work that mattered to me. Had I really succeeded at anything else, I might never have found the determination to succeed in the one arena, [writing, in which] I believed I truly belonged.”

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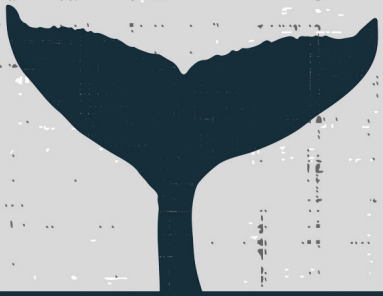
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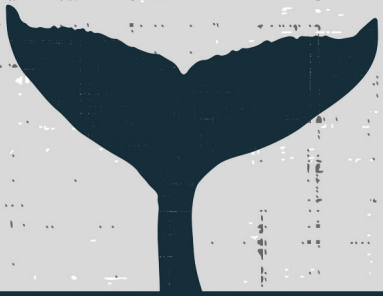
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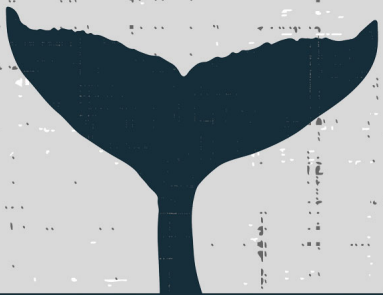
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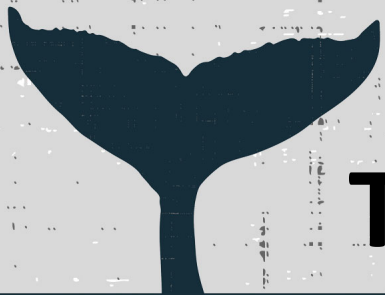


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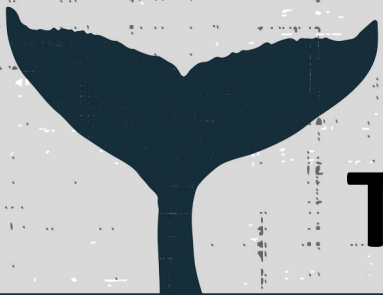
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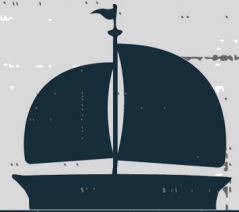
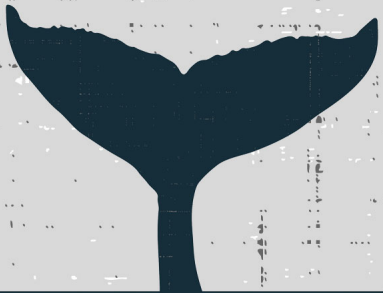
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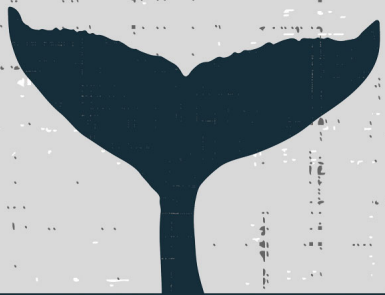
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Literally - "empty nothings"

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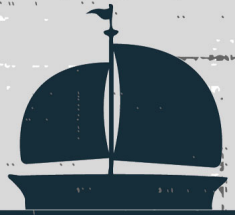
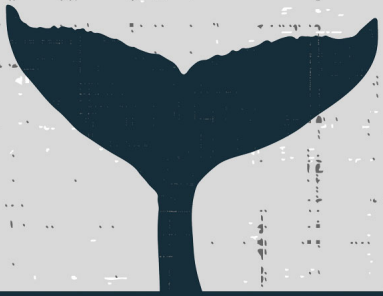
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