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Cephalopods are the New Dinosaurs: A Squid's-eye View of the History of Life

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Before there were mammals on land, there were dinosaurs. And before there were fish in the sea, there were cephalopods – Earth's first truly substantial animals and the ancestors of modern squid. With dozens of tentacles and formidable shells, they presided over an underwater empire for millions of years. Follow along on an epic adventure from the primordial ocean to the calamari on your dinner plate!

Oct 8th is the first of International Cephalopod Awareness Days, Oct 8-12. Learn more at cephsinaction.org.

Danna Staaf is a marine biologist, author and artist with a longstanding love of octopus and squid. Her book *Squid Empire: The Rise and Fall of the Cephalopods* was named one of the year's best science books by National Public Radio. A revised paper book edition, *Monarchs of the Sea*, was released on Sep 15.

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