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Stretching almost two thousand miles off Australia's eastern coast, the wondrous, rainbow-hued marine garden lies revealed in this book.

In 1768, French sailor Louis-Antoine de Bougainville first described the presence of "perilous reefs" that caused him to change course, thus bypassing their treasures! With 3,000 reefs and 1,500 isles, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is a UNESCO World Heritage site that gathers together many varieties of coral, whose countless colors gobies, clownfish, and triggerfish mimic for better camouflage. Above these coral reefs, almost 1,400 species of sharks live in the park!

Scientists study the reef to ensure its health, exploring ways to protect it from the effects of climate change.
