

## CHAPTER FOUR

# Fishy Tales

Hans Christian Andersen wrote fairy tales. He wrote *The Little Mermaid*. This is a famous mermaid story. Andersen's mermaid saved a drowning prince. She fell in love with him.

*Pictures of Atargatis show her as a fishy human.*



# ORIGINS

The first mermaid was Atargatis. Her story came from ancient Syria. Atargatis was a goddess. She wanted to become a fish. The gods wouldn't let her give up her beauty. So only her bottom half became a fish.