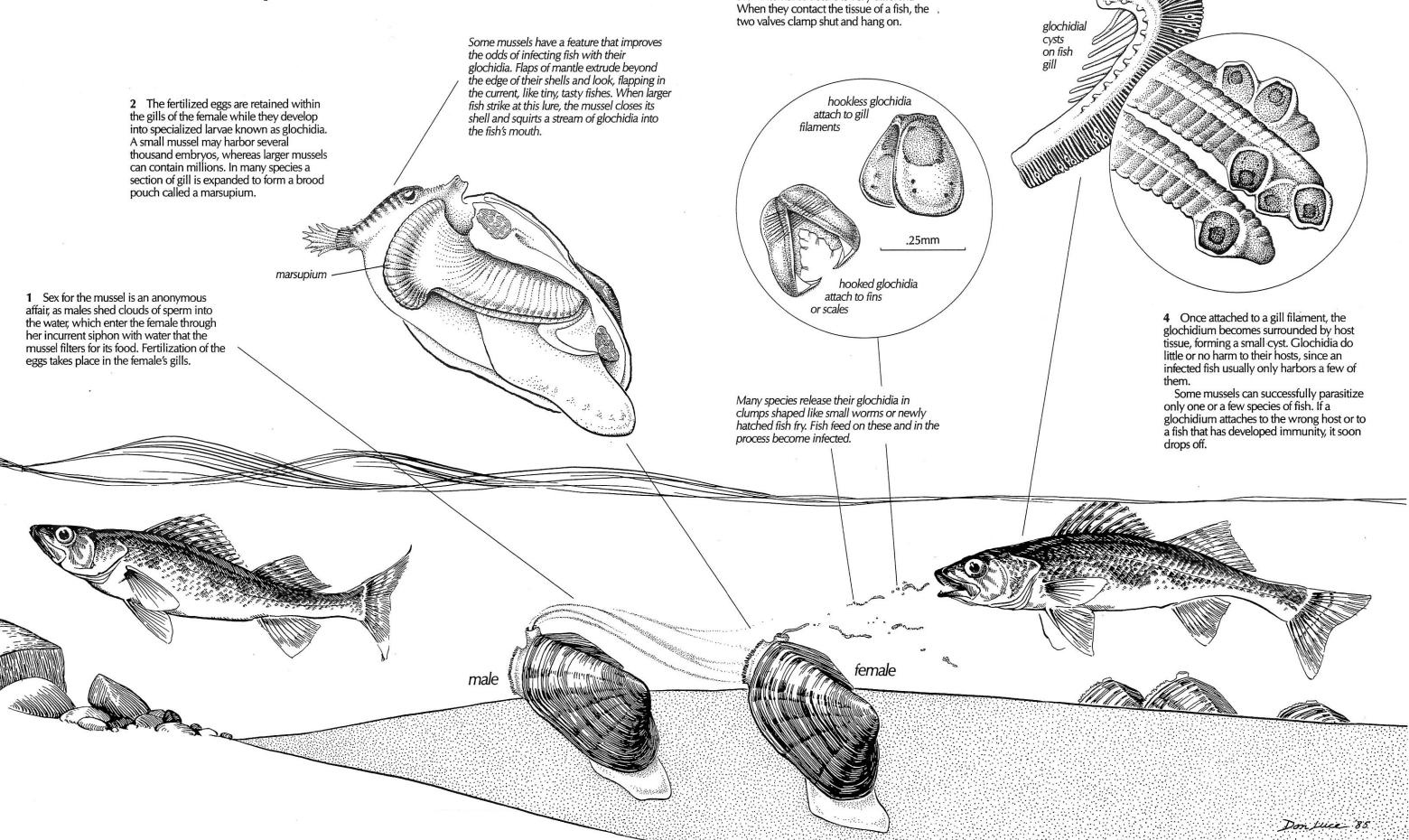
Mussel Life Cycle



3 The microscopic glochidia are the

parasitic stage of the mussel life cycle. Though shaped like adults, with two valves, their internal structure is very different.