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Fish Finelli (Book 1): Seagulls Don't Eat Pickles



Synopsis

When the Whooping Hollow town bully, Bryce Billings, bets Fish Finelli that he can't find Captain Kidd's treasure, Fish and his best buds Roger and T. J. must embark on a quest to find the long-lost booty! Between sneaking into the library to track down Captain Kidd's treasure map, stowing away on a boat, and trespassing on the legendary Lyons Island, Fish and his friends are up to their necks in "goose poop" on this adventure!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Gr 3-5-Fish Finelli wants nothing more from the summer before fifth grade than to fix up his boat with a supercharged Seagull motor and win Whooping Hollow's annual Captain Kidd Classic boat race. A new Seagull costs more than 50 bucks, and Fish has only saved up \$27.51. When local bully Bryce Billings baits Fish into a bet that he and his friends Roger and T.J. can't find Captain Kidd's fabled lost treasure, rumored to be buried somewhere near Whooping Hollow, Fish finds himself knee-deep in a mysterious pirate adventure with all his Seagull savings on the line. This light adventure novel's winning humor shines bright, brimming with nautical and pirate-themed wordplay and wisecracks. When Roger finds out that librarian Mr. E. Mann may have the treasure map, he

cleverly observes, "Whoa! The librarian's got the booty!" Fish Finelli is well versed in almost everything but remains a relatable protagonist, never veering into know-it-all territory. Some readers may be put off by the characterization of Fish's overweight friend T.J., who is shown snacking in virtually every scene in which he appears; the joke gets old quickly, even when it moves the plot forward. Beene's full-page, black-and-white digital cartoons energetically accompany Fish's adventures. In the end, Farber never gets too wrapped up in the story's mystery aspects, tying up several loose ends relatively quickly. The narrative focuses instead on friendship and making the right choices, set against the backdrop of Captain Kidd's legend.-Ted McCoy, Oakland Public Library, CA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

In a moment of bravado, Fish bets the town bully \$50 he can find Captain Kidd's lost treasure, which legend claims is buried on nearby Lyons Island. With the help of two friends and his vast knowledge of scientific facts, Fish does his best. With this first title in a series, Farber works hard to appeal to active, science-minded boys, with uneven results. The story is packed with humor and action, but the side characters feel underdeveloped, including wisecracking Roger, who has a New Age mother; and dense, affable T. J. with his never-ending supply of candy. Boats dominate local life and the boys' adventures, while tried-and-true themes of coded maps, hiding under desks, and thwarting the rich bully appear throughout. Little is new in the series, but it helps meet the demand for transitional chapter books specifically written for boys. Full-page black-and-white illustrations add playfulness to the story, and sidebars offer up explanations for terms in the text (i.e., emu, Marco Polo). Grades 3-6. --Suzanne Harold --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I chose 5 stars because it is a book I couldn't put down. I loved how it was funny and how the author put in little pieces of information if I and other children did not understand it. This truly was a great book because only if a book is real good I would review it. I believe this book is good for an audience of fourth graders going to fifth grade or third graders going into fourth grade. This is because it has humor that only children of my age or around my age (ten years or less) would understand. Personally, I think this book is for both genders because I am a girl and I have read some reviews that boys liked it too. DEFINITELY this book is a book to read!!!!

My 12 year old son absolutely loves this book. He actually has 2 from this series & he has reread them many times. I read along with him & think this is such a great series for young boys.

This is a great addition to the 2016/2017 SSYRA list. It is a fun adventure, pirate, mystery. It will especially appeal to boys!

Loved this book. Voted Sunshine State book for 2016-2017 Full of adventure can't wait to read another one. This was read by a nine year old 4th grader.

This book is one the best books I've ever read. Everyone should read this book
From Charles Newport
Peace out

Cute book. My grand daughter picked it for a book report. She is in the 4th grade.

I was very interested with the book. It was adventurous and funny . It was also creative. Nothing was bad

My eight year old son loves this book & read entire book within 3 days (between baseball & basketball camps).

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