



Recommended Reading Let's Go Fishing!

FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Fish eyes: a book you can count on / By Lois Ehlert. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich: 1990.
WWL call number: 281286 Kids

Bright fish swim in and out of the pages of this counting book. The art work will delight young and old alike. For preschool through grade 1.

Gone fishing: ocean life by the numbers / By David McLimans. New York: Walker: 2008. WWL call number: 281523 Kids

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I'm the best artist in the ocean / By Kevin Sherry. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, Penguin Group.: 2008. WWL call number: 281529 Kids

Having shown his skill at drawing both abstractly and from life, the squid declares, I'm making my masterpiece! The book itself, however, packs less of a punch. Although the character's manic eyes, cavernous smile and irrepressible self-esteem still exude plenty of charisma (especially after he paints himself a mustache midway through), there's no compelling narrative arc or antagonist this time out; each spread is just another chance for the squid to show something else he can draw or another style he can adopt.

I'm the biggest thing in the ocean / By Kevin Sherry. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, Penguin Group: 2007. WWL call number: 281530 Kids

When a giant squid takes inventory of all of the creatures in the ocean, he realizes that he's way bigger than most of them! Of course, there are bigger things lurking around . . . but maybe this giant squid with a giant touch of hubris doesn't really care? First-time author-illustrator Kevin Sherry is sure to garner fans of all sizes for his perfect-for-preschool read-aloud with simple text, bold and delightful collage art, and a lovable squid whose spirit just cannot be crushed.

Mister Seahorse / By Eric Carle. New York: Philomel Books: 2004. WWL call number: 281422 Kids

Carle's book is a tribute to fathers, whether fish or human. After Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs on Mr. Seahorse's belly, he drifts through the water greeting other fish fathers who are also taking care of their eggs. Beautiful collages illustrate the story and a few pages have overlays of clear plastic which create screens of seaweed or other natural elements to show how some fish can hide themselves in nature. For children grades Preschool-3.

The pout-pout fish / By Deborah Diesen. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux: 2008. WWL call number: 281520 Kids

The pout-pout fish believes he only knows how to frown, even though many of his friends suggest ways to change his expression, until one day a fish comes along that shows him otherwise.

Rainbow fish and the big blue whale / By Marcus Pfister and J. Alison James. New York: North-South Books: 1998. WWL call number: 281429 Kids

Another adventure for fans of the Rainbow Fish books. In this story, Rainbow Fish and his friends must share their food and their space with a gentle old whale who comes to their reef. For children grades Preschool-2.

Rainbow fish to the rescue! / By Marcus Pfister and J. Alison James. New York: North-South Books: 1995. WWL call number: 281433 Kids

The themes of sharing, friendship and courage are addressed in this Rainbow Fish adventure. When a little striped fish is told he can't play with the other fish, Rainbow Fish remembers what it was like to be left out. For children grades K-3.

Splash! / By Ann Jonas. New York: Greenwillow Books: 1995. WWL call number: 271249 Kids

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Swimmy / By Leo Lionni. New York: Pantheon: 1963. WWL call number: 271244 Kids
Swimmy, the lone black fish in a school of reds, uses ingenuity to overcome the others' fears about swimming in open water and exploring the wonders of the sea. A Caldecott Honor Book. For children grades Preschool-2.

Ugly fish / By Kara LaReau and Scott Magoon. Orlando: Harcourt: 2006. WWL call number: 281522 Kids
At first Ugly Fish likes being alone in his tank so much that he eats any fish that tries to share it, but when he becomes lonely, he devises a better plan.

BOOKS FOR ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN

The Atlantic salmon / By Bianca Lavies. New York: Dutton Children's Books: 1992. WWL call number: 281268 Kids
In following the salmon from hatchling to adult, more than just the life cycle of this fish becomes clear. The relationship between the environment, salmon, and humans is fleshed out as well. For children grades 3-6.

The biggest fish in the lake / By Margaret Carney. Toronto: Kids Can Press: 2001. WWL call number: 271324 Kids
A young girl and her grandfather share a love of fishing. He gives her a fishing reel and takes her on a fishing trip to try it out. She catches the biggest fish in the lake, a large Muskie, but ends up releasing it because it is so beautiful. This book celebrates nature and a special grandfather/grandchild bond. Gr 1-4.

Fearsome fish / By Steve Parker. Austin, Texas: Raintree Steck-Vaughn: 1994. WWL call number: 281247 Kids
From the Creepy Creatures series, this book takes a look at nature's more frightening and unusual marine animals, such as sharks, rays, marlins, piranhas, barracuda, and eels. Parker describes the ecology, behavior, and habitat of these animals in exciting and simple terms that are accessible to young readers. For children grades 2-5.

Flies in the water, fish in the air: a personal introduction to fly fishing / By Jim Arnosky. New York: Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books: 1986. WWL call number: 281246 Kids
This text introduces readers to the art of fly fishing with Arnosky's readable explanations, illustrative sketches, and personal anecdotes. For children grades 6 and up.

A fish hatches / By Joanna Cole and Jerome Wexler. New York: Morrow: 1978. WWL call number: 281254 Kids

Following the life cycle of hatchery-raised trout from laying of eggs to maturity, this book's simple explanations and clear black and white photographs help readers discover this rarely seen process. For children grades 3-5.

Fish in a flash! a personal guide to spin-fishing / By Jim Arnosky. New York: Bradbury Press: 1991. WWL call number: 281267 Kids

Arnosky's love for spin-fishing is evident in this guide to being successful in the sport. Drawing on his own experience, he covers boater safety, tackle, and the importance of sustainable fishing. As usual, his illustrations are quite wonderful and very helpful in illuminating his points. For children grades 3-8.

Fishing day / By Andrea Davis Pinkney. New York: Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children: 2003. WWL call number: 271248 Kids

Reenie is a black girl who loves to go fishing for fun by the river with her mama. Peter Troop is a white boy who fishes with his dad for food at the same river. Peter is loud, often scaring the fish away. Reenie reaches out to him to show him how to catch fish. A moving story about friendship across the barriers of segregation. For children grades K-4.

The freshwater alphabet book / By Jerry Pallotta. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge: 1996. WWL call number: 281545 Kids

Illustrated by David Biedrzycki. An inviting look at freshwater biology. In this alphabetically arranged overview, Pallotta surprisingly includes the Snow Monkey, who stays warm by soaking in hot springs, and Nessie, the legendary Loch Ness monster, along with familiar and lesser-known freshwater fish and crustaceans. Biedrzycki's beautiful naturalistic illustrations show each creature in its native habitat. A brief, two or three sentence description for each entry mentions its unique characteristics and explains how it got its name. (Gr K - 3)

Freshwater fish & fishing / By Jim Arnosky. New York: Four Winds Press: 1982. WWL call number: 281250 Kids

Descriptions of many freshwater fish and the techniques recommended to catch them are detailed and illustrated in this guidebook. There are sections on cleaning fish, tying knots, and making lures. For children grades 3-6.

Go fish / By Mary Stolz. New York: HarperCollins: 1991. WWL call number: 271240 Kids

Thomas is recovering from a broken ankle and will do just about anything to get his grandpa out of his reading chair and out to the fishing dock so they can swap stories and try to catch the big one. After spending the day fishing in the Gulf of Mexico with Grandfather, eight-year-old Thomas has a quiet evening on the porch hearing more about his African heritage. For children grades 1-3.

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A good day's fishing / By James Prosek. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers: 2004. WWL call number: 281421 Kids

A young boy searches through his tackle box to find the one thing he needs to ensure a good day's fishing. It is not the hooks, lures, bobbers or spinners he finds in the box. Read the book to find out what it is. A useful glossary of lures and flies is included at the end. For children grades K-3.

Hook, line, & seeker: a beginner's guide to fishing, boating, and watching water wildlife / By Jim Arnosky. New York: Scholastic Nonfiction: 2005. WWL call number: 281430 Kids

This beginner's guide to fishing, boating and nature watching is packed full of information and includes step-by-step instructions for many activities. Color photographs, watercolors and pen-and-ink drawings are attractive and instructive. For children grades 4-6.

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How many fish? / By Caron Lee Cohen and S. D. Schindler. New York: HarperCollins: 1998. WWL call number: 281432 Kids

A simple story that offers repetition, rhythm and rhyme to help beginners on their way to reading - and counting. The illustrations show children's feet underwater with fish swimming around them as the reader counts objects beneath the water. For children grades K-1.

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My father's boat / By Sherry Garland. New York: Scholastic: 1998. WWL call number: 271243 Kids
A young Vietnamese-American boy begins to learn the shrimp trade of his father and grandfather in this story about continuity in spite of separation—and about the importance of family. For children grades K-4.

Salmon forest / By David T. Suzuki and Sarah Ellis. New York: GreyStone Books: 2003. WWL call number: 290225 Kids
Follow Kate and her dad as they take a hike in the woods and learn about the life cycle of the sockeye salmon. This enjoyable story reveals scientific facts about the natural world and the cycle of life. For children grades K-3.

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Swim! Swim! / New York: Scholastic Press: 2010. WWL call number: 281561 Kids
Lerch the fish is lonely, and after trying to befriend some unreceptive--and inanimate--objects, he finally succeeds in finding a friend. [Text was hand-lettered by Lerch; illustrations by James Proimos]

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Wishing I was fishing / By Eva Wells. Edina, Minn: Beaver's Pond Press: 2007. WWL call number: 281525 Kids
Take a trip across the lake on a young boy's first spring fishing trip with his dad. As the winter melts into spring, the two prepare the boat, gather their gear, and reel in their first fish. This beautifully illustrated story captures a child's joyous anticipation and the thrill of the first catch. Eva Wells; illustrated by Chandra Dale.