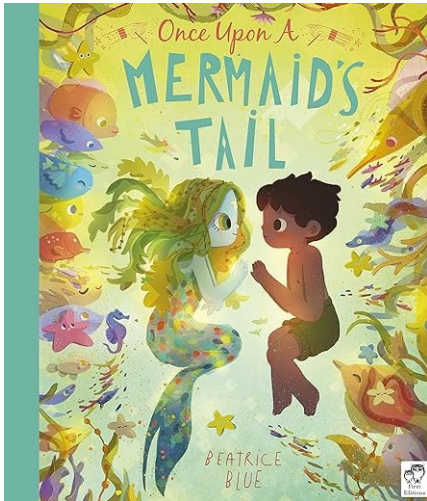


Discussion Guide for Families



Once Upon a Mermaid's Tail

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Themes: Environmentalism, Friendship, Ocean

Book Brief: Theodore has a little boat and a big passion: collecting fish. But one day, he finds a tiny creature in a beautiful shell. Can he learn that this creature belongs in the ocean before it's too late?

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child what types of animals live in the ocean. If you have been to an aquarium or the beach, you can remind them about the things you saw.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Is there anything your child likes to collect? Make a connection with Theodore's passion for collecting fish.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Why did the ocean want Theodore to put Oceanne back?
- How did Oceanne get her tail?
- What did Theodore do with the rest of the fish in his collection? Why?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Volunteering to clean up a local beach or park to keep our environment and the living creatures in it safe and healthy.
- Read [*Alba and the Ocean Cleanup: A Story About Saving Our Oceans*](#) by Lara Hawthorne.