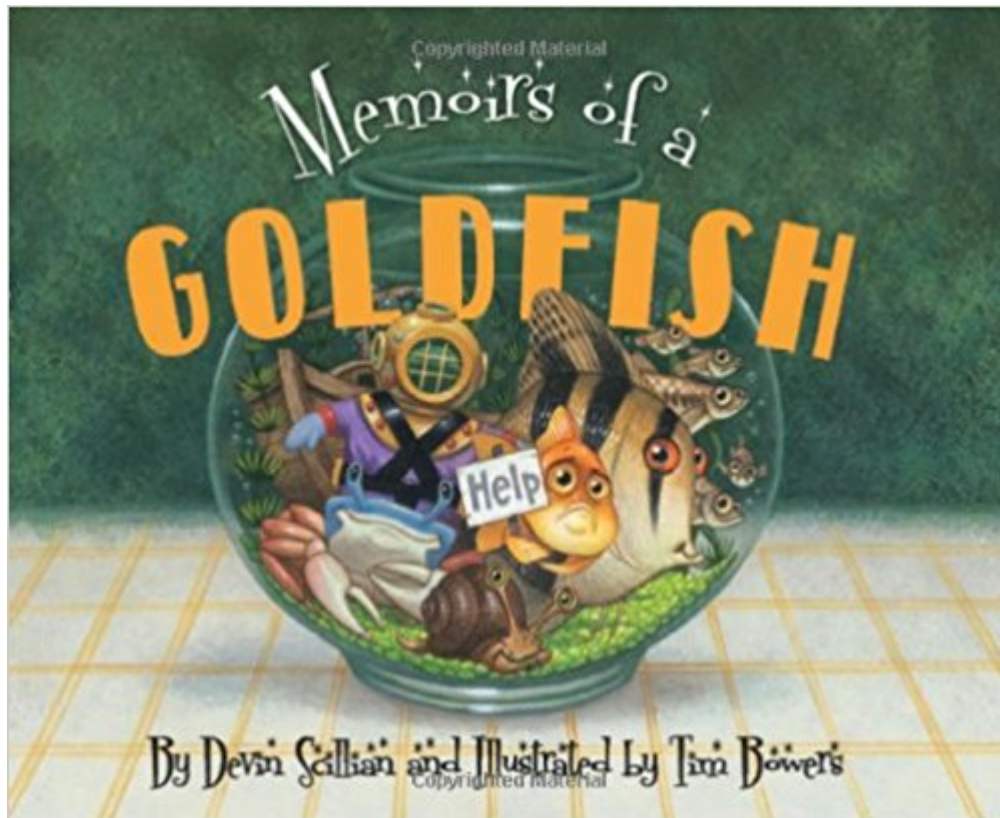




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Memoirs Of A Goldfish



Synopsis

Day One I swam around my bowl. Day Two I swam around my bowl. Twice. And so it goes in this tell-all tale from a goldfish. With his bowl to himself and his simple routine, Goldfish loves his life...until one day... When assorted intruders including a hyperactive bubbler, a grime-eating snail, a pair of amorous guppies, and a really crabby crab invade his personal space and bowl, Goldfish is put out, to say the least. He wants none of it, preferring his former peace and quiet and solitude. But time away from his new companions gives him a chance to rethink the pros and cons of a solitary life. And discover what he's been missing. Devin Scillian is an award-winning author and Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist. He has written more than 10 books with Sleeping Bear Press, including the bestselling *A is for America: An American Alphabet* and *Brewster the Rooster*. Devin lives in Michigan and anchors the news for WDIV-TV in Detroit. Early in his career Tim Bowers worked for Hallmark Cards, helping to launch the Shoebox Greetings card line. He has illustrated more than 25 children's books, garnering such awards as the Chicago Public Library's "Best of the Best" list. He also illustrated the widely popular *First Dog*. Tim lives in Granville, Ohio.

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Today most picture books are all about the art--devoid of any memorable or moving story. "M memoir of a Goldfish" is that rare find that combines incredible art with a humorous and heartwarming tale. The expression of the goldfish's eyes speak volumes, yet the text holds it own--the kind of story readers will remember, revisit, and share. I loved this book so much I immediately shared it with someone standing near me in the bookstore. Kinda creepy, I know . . . but I couldn't help it. I hope more picture book authors learn the art of storytelling like this author. Young readers deserve more books like this. What a fun read!

A lonely little goldfish lives in a small uneventful bowl. One day he finds a roommate in a diving suit leaning and bubbling. The little goldfish referred to him as Mr. Bubbles. Each day more characters arrived. There was Mervin the snail, Fred the crab, 2 guppies named Rhoda and Clark and let's not forget Cha-Cha the angelfish. Oh, and the sunken ship mysteriously appeared as well. As you can imagine the little lonely goldfish was beside himself. His over crowded home was now full and disgusting. By the thirteenth day of his memoir he found himself in a smaller, cleaner bowl. And once again very much alone. Where had everyone gone? Did anyone notice that he was gone? Most importantly, did they miss him because he certainly missed them. You'll have to finish the memoir to discover the end of this fishy tale. Author Devin Scillian and illustrator Tim Bowers have put together a simple idea full of crazy characters that add so much to the story. The colorful and hilarious illustrations bring to life this quirky tale. Simple sentence structure makes for an easy read for any beginner. Parents will love this book for a bedtime treat because it is short and sweet.

I am an elementary music teacher, and I read this book to 5 different kindergarten classes during summer school in July. Their teachers were required to come with the class, and most of the time they just sat in a corner playing on their phones the whole time. But while I was reading this book, I kept hearing chuckles and would look up to see the TEACHER watching and listening to the story! It's the cutest thing, with sarcasm strategically placed ("Today my bowl looks like a garden. There are plants in my bowl. I guess I'll have to water them. Great.") to keep wittier readers entertained.

The pictures are beautiful, with plenty of things for the kids to look at and discover. There's a surprise ending that is so adorable. I had to give the book back to the summer school people, but I'll be buying a copy for myself to use during the regular school year. I bought one for my 2-year-old niece, too!

Cute story!!! I'm going to be using it as a mentor text in my 2nd/3rd grade class this fall.

Loved, Colorful my grandson was enchanted - fun to read!

I read this in kindergarten classrooms and kids love. It's a creative perspective, uses good words and emotions. Offers variety of talking points for Q & A at story end.

This may be my favorite children's book of all time. I purchase this for all of my friends who have babies. I even read it to my entire office staff one Friday for stress relief. Now my office staff are buying it for their friends and family. Both children and adults alike will love this amazingly cute and clever story.

I recently purchased this book after seeing a co-worker read it to her elementary school class. My children (4 and 6) adore this book. We read this at least twice each week and I enjoy it every time. It's funny, fresh, and just has an easy-going format that is enjoyable to readers (and listeners!) of all ages.

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