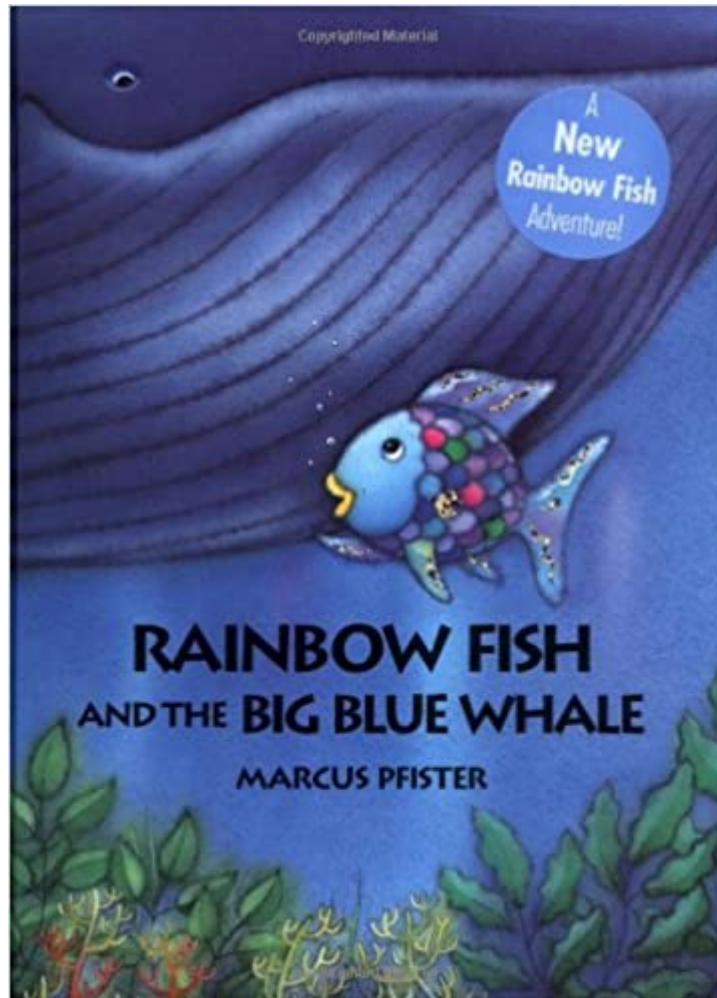




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# Rainbow Fish And The Big Blue Whale



## Synopsis

When a big blue whale comes to live near their reef, there is a misunderstanding between him and Rainbow Fish and his friends that leaves everyone very unhappy and hungry.

## Book Information

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Series: Rainbow Fish

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1-The winsome and sensible fish who stole preschoolers' hearts in *Rainbow Fish* (1992) and *Rainbow Fish to the Rescue* (1995, both North-South) has returned. 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. The fish with the jagged scales complains that the blue whale is watching them, and soon everyone views the large mammal as an enemy. After a skirmish in which the whale scares all of the little fish into a cave, Rainbow Fish realizes that it is up to him to approach the larger animal and make peace. A heart-to-heart talk between the two reveals that the whale watched the fish only because he admired their beauty. Indeed, the holographic silver foil applied to the fins and scales of these expressive and colorfully illustrated fish is eye-catching. The glittering watercolor artwork of this book has the same child appeal of its popular predecessors. However, the story is thin, possessing more adjectives than action. Its moral theme of tolerance and

communication, while admirable, can be found in at least a dozen better books. This one is for those already enamored of Rainbow Fish. It is not likely to win new fans. Jackie Hechtkopf, Talent House School, Fairfax, VA Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Ages 3<sup>+</sup>-5. Rainbow Fish and his friends enjoy eating the krill, or tiny shrimp, that populate the ocean floor. When a big whale comes into the area, he starts eating krill, too. Soon the fish worry that he'll eat them, and they hide when he's around. The hurt whale pretends that is just what he's going to do, but in the end, Rainbow Fish and the whale have a laugh over the misunderstanding, and everything works out fine--except for the krill, of course. The message--don't make assumptions about creatures that are different--is slightly garbled, and the story itself bland. But the pictures are as shiny as ever, which is the main attraction, anyway. The artwork overall is quite winning. The double-page spreads drenched in underwater blues, greens, and lavenders are a nice, eye-catching size, making this a good choice for story hours. Ilene Cooper

This was a delightful book to have my 7 year old grandson read. And he is not a big reader! But the illustrations and story really kept his interest. Would highly recommend.

Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale (Rainbow Fish) Purchased this book for our Oceans Alive museum teacher at her request. I haven't received any feedback from her about the book. The book was in good condition when received. Purchased several other books about the same subject at that time. All were in good condition. Everything I've purchased from I've been pleased with. There's a great deal of selections to choose from and the price is always good. Since our museum is a non-profit organization I'm always looking to save money. Thank you, Joyce

My 3 year old son loves this book. Beautifully illustrated and a great learning moment embedded in this story!

Wonderful, delightful book for my 2 year old grandson. He loves the pictures of the fish and the whale, and all the colors are fun. The story is great and light, and fun to read over and over. I highly recommend this charming book to share with someone special in your life.

daughter loves these books.

I enjoyed reading this book to my elementary students. This book teaches kids not to judge others based on appearance as well as the cons of making assumptions about others (before actually getting to know them). I think the story itself could have been a little bit longer ... it seems to be too quick of a read for even primary students. Overall, a great book!

liked this book i was gifted it to a friend so she can read something to the kids.

Great graphics and the story is another wonderful moral addition to the rainbow fish series. The children love the book and the message is superb.

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