

The Walking Fish

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One boring day at the lake, young middle schooler Alexis Byron finds a life changing discovery. Known as a lake without any, Alexis stumbles upon an unusual looking fish described as a living fossil. Her discovery leads to reaching out to family friend Dr. Holland, a prominent scientist, who believes this find could be a prehistoric fish. The sighting of the extinct animal is confirmed, and trouble arises as Alexis and her friends are no longer alone in claiming the discovery. The egocentric Dr. Mertz hears the news and begins to combat the team in an effort to claim the fame himself. With the help of friends and her own sneaking suspicion, Alexis outwits the selfish scientist. In a story of mystery, adventure, and science, *The Walking Fish* is one young readers will walk away entertained and educated.

The Walking Fish is a fantastic introduction to beginner's science as it models the scientific process completely. This book smoothly integrates scientific terminology and explains the definition throughout. While entertaining in parts, I personally did not find it enjoyable because of it being such an introductory level of science. The story is for a specific audience and failed to make a relatable plot. Even though the plot wasn't relatable the characters were realistic. A diverse range of behavior and personality types makes it so most will see a remarkable resemblance to their own life. Easy to see why the National Science Teachers Association awarded this book.

There's no doubt *The Walking Fish* is targeting the youth who have an interest in science. This book will be a fun and simple way to teach children and young teenagers about a subject that can be difficult at times. The appropriate age group would be around 4th-8th grade. It will make a perfect gift for a young scientist, and is one that can be read without much difficulty.

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