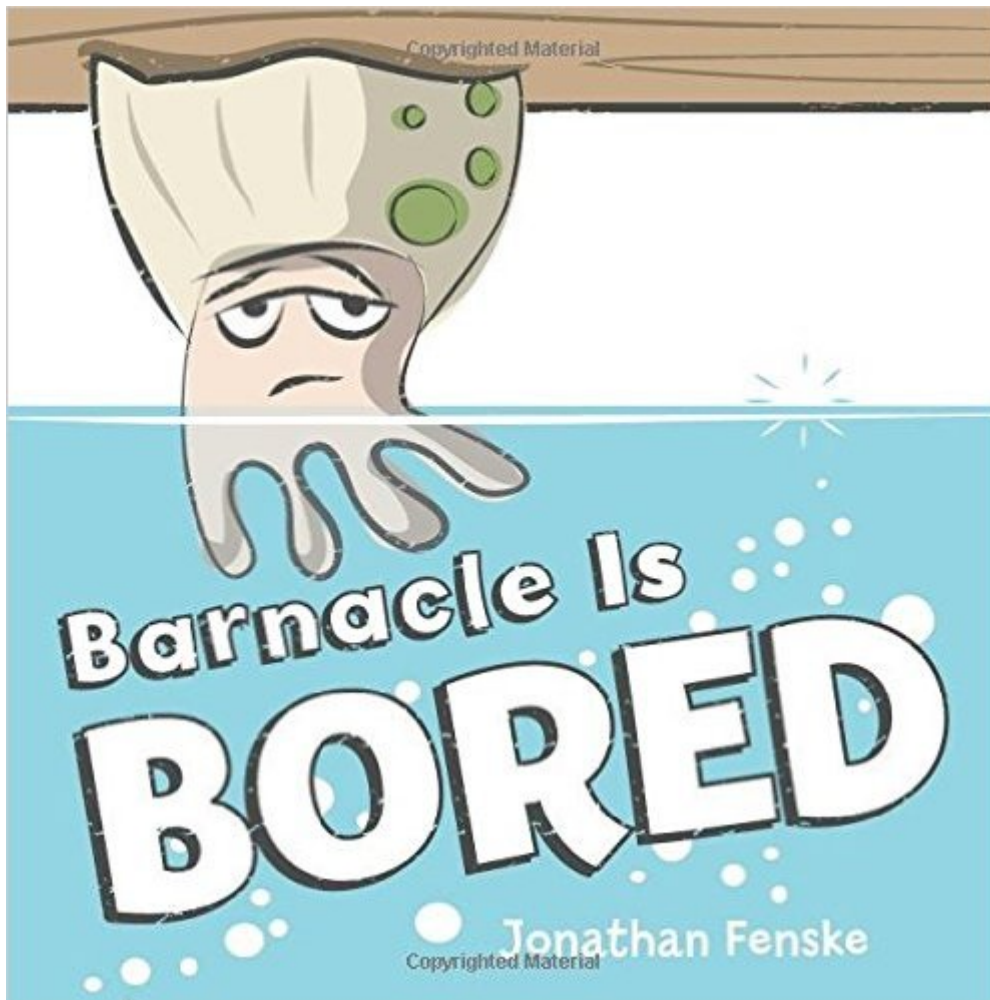


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# Barnacle Is Bored



## Synopsis

Barnacle is stuck on the underside of a pier, wishing he had something to do. Every day is exactly the same. The tide comes in and Barnacle gets wet. The tide goes out and Barnacle dries off. Boring! Barnacle wants something EXCITING to happen. Then a colorful fish swims by. Barnacle bets the fish doesn't have a boring life. In the end, it turns out exciting isn't always better. . . This picture book is an irreverent and playful answer to any child's declaration of boredom!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Barnacle wants something EXCITING to happen. Then a colorful fish swims by. Barnacle bets the fish doesn't have a boring life! But then again...maybe exciting isn't always better. Um, it's perfect. I'm in love with this barnacle. I will sing this book's praises forever more. Seriously. Shall we go over my criteria? Irreverent humor that made me laugh out loud, loudly--check. Simple illustrations that are still humorous and full of fun emotion--check. A storyline that is easy to read aloud and has educational elements--check. Good for beginning readers, adult readers and everyone in between--check. You have to read this book! Fenske has wowed me with some pretty great books in the past, but I do believe I have a new favorite. I appreciate that he told a story that is engaging while educational (an excellent practice in opposites), humorous yet with a moral (an excellent lesson in gratitude over envy), and has perfect illustrations to tie it all together (who knew a barnacle could be so cute?). This book is one that I will recommend every time.

Hanging off of the bottom of a dock is not the most exciting life. Barnacle has times of day when he is cold and wet and other times when he is dry and hot. The tide comes in and out, the waves roll in, the sun goes up and goes down. Barnacle is particularly jealous of the merry life of a polka-dotted little fish nearby. He knows that the fish has to have a lot more fun than Barnacle does. He must go diving with dolphins and frolic with other fish. Just as Barnacle is completing his fantasies about how much better the little fish's life is than his own, an eel comes along. Gulp! Put this down as another rather dark picture book that I adore. I must admit to having a type and this one is particularly pleasing with Barnacle being entirely jealous of what another fish has that he does not. It's an emotion that children will relate to readily. The text is very brief and fast-moving. Barnacle's voice is a pleasure to read aloud, from his slow tones of boredom through to the joys of being a fish and all the way to the end when he realizes what he actually has going for him. The illustrations are very appealing and have the feel of a cartoon. Done in flat colors, they play up the facial expressions of Barnacle and the other fish to good effect. The looks of boredom are particularly clear and take it so far that it's humorous. The page turns are nicely done as well, adding to the theater of the book. Perfect for the boredom of summer days, this seaside book will surely refresh or at any rate give everyone a good jump at the end. Appropriate for ages 4-6.

Our kids (5 & 7) love this book. It was a great easy reader for my budding preK reader and my daughter loved the illustrations. My youngest walks around now that summer break is here stating "Bored, Bored, Bored...I'm Bored" and I remind him of the alternative presented in the book and he usually goes & finds something else to do. Hoping this becomes a series!

The perfect present! I bought this for my niece's birthday present. First of all, the story is hysterical! Barnacle's expressions are laugh-out-loud funny. I love the emphasis on opposites. And what kid hasn't said "I'm bored!"? It's a beautiful book, with a lovely cover and thick, richly illustrated pages. Great for giving and for receiving. My sister has already read it a dozen times, and said my niece quotes the book from memory.

Barnacle is bored but gets happiness from the death of the cute polka-dotted fish that he is envious of. That is the story, sick. Kids books; yes should entertain but also teach children how to fit into society. This story teaches narcissism as barnacle only thinks of himself, shows no empathy with the fish. The only thing in barnacle's life that matters is his entertainment. Not good.

If you like "This is not my hat," by John Klassen, then you will love this book! the illustrations are a particular highlight.

My 2 1/2 year old son ABSOLUTLY loves this book. It's really a quick easy read, and now he says some of the words as we are reading. I recommend it.

LOL. It has ironic humor that a parent will enjoy as well as the kids. If you like I Want My Hat Back, or I Don't Want to Be A Frog, you will also enjoy this.

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