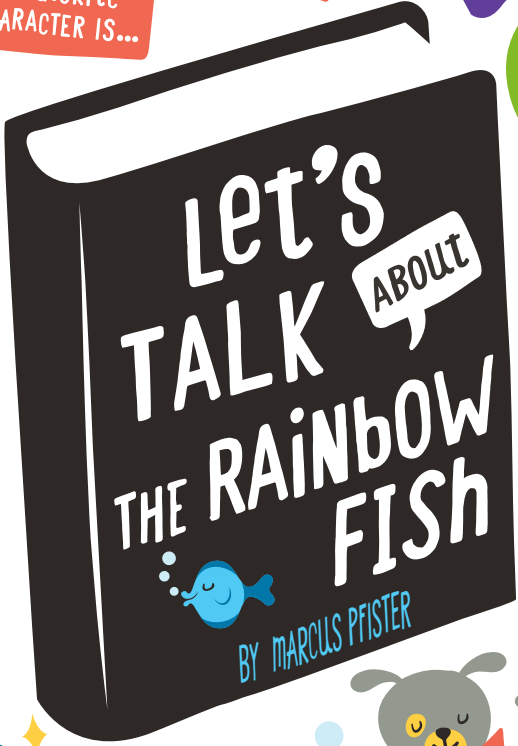


My favorite CHARACTER IS...



WHAT DO YOU SEE ON THE COVER?



What WILL HAPPEN next?

HOW MANY FISH?



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INFANTS:

Reading a book to your infant is a great chance to cuddle and bond, relax and sit comfortably with your baby on your lap. Point out pictures on the page and name what you are pointing to. You don't have to read every word! Sharing a book is an experience that helps your baby's brain to make important connections, laying the foundation for learning to read. Just because your baby is not talking, doesn't mean he/she isn't learning!

TODDLERS:

Have fun sharing this beautiful book with your toddler. It provides many opportunities to talk about sharing. The book has lots of words and your toddler may not be able to sit for the whole thing, it is ok to shorten the story. Talk about the shiny scales on the fish, count how many fish are on the page and if they are big or little. Point to the words as you read them. This helps your toddler learn what words are and where the words you are saying come from.

PRESCHOOLERS:

The Rainbow Fish is a book about sharing and being a friend. Reading this story together will give you a chance to talk about the feelings the Rainbow Fish has throughout the book. Point out how good the Rainbow Fish feels when he shares and that sharing helps him to make friends. As you read together count the fish, count the shiny scales on the fish and talk about the other animals that you see. Your lap is still the best place for your preschooler to be and the reading you are sharing is helping your child to become a reader!

