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Sometimes Tim feels invisible at school-until one day, when Tim meets Sam. But Sam isn't just any new friend: he's a blue whale, and he can't find his way home! Returning Sam to the sea is hard work, but Tim is determined to help. After all, it's not every day you meet a new friend!

This picture book about the power of friendship by new talent Cale Atkinson is brought to life by charming, dynamic illustrations.

## To the Sea Details

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## From Reader Review To the Sea for online ebook

### **Haley Shaffer says**

Being invisible. Explicit theme.

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### **Sara says**

GUH, I love the color scheme of this book. The deep oranges and teals make me shiver -- so good. I'm not sure how it would go over in story time, but I'm definitely going to try it. It has the right number of words and lots of good stuff to talk about, but it might be a little quiet for my usual crowds?

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### **Jillian Heise says**

I have a new favorite picture book friendship - I adored Tim & Sam and their story of finding a friend when they previously felt invisible. The color palette is striking and the illustrations are fabulously endearing. Loved this one!

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### **Jasmine says**

Adorable and beautiful story about being alone, finding friends, and helping your friends. Unlike previous whale-friend stories I've read, it also makes the point that Whales are not going to be healthy when kept in a pool, which is good.

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### **Jacob Michael says**

Piya Gofy got me this book. Sam is a big blue whale and he says "I see you". The boy is me. And I meet Gofy. He's a googoogaga Gofs playing on the sand.

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### **Bekka says**

Lovely illustration! A cute story about finding a friend.

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### **Jessica Furtado says**

Cuteness overload!

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### **Brooklyn Cribdon (Kemp) says**

Such a beautiful story of friendship, belonging, love, and compassion. Not only is Atkinson's storytelling truly moving, but he also conveys so much emotion through his illustrations.

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### **Laurie Treacy says**

So adorable!

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### **Cassandra says**

Another beautiful story about friendship.

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### **The Reading Countess says**

Beautiful. Simply told story of an invisible boy who simply wants to be seen. This is a must read at the beginning of the year to remind kids that we are all part of our community and that ARE seen. Highly recommended!

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### **Caryn Caldwell says**

Tim feels invisible until he finds a whale washed up on shore. When he and the whale are the only ones to notice each other, they form a friendship. But Tim knows that whales belong in the ocean, and he's determined to save his friend -- even if the dangerous plan he comes up with puts Tim himself at risk.

This is a lovely story with strong, bold illustrations, a hopeful ending, and a nice message about appreciating one's friends. Some children may find the scene where Tim nearly drowns a little distressing, so adult guidance might be helpful.

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### **The Styling Librarian says**

To the Sea by Cale Atkinson – Beautiful little friendship story. Very cute. Appreciated the friendship and the characters who appreciated not feeling invisible to everyone. Good book for discussing loneliness. This book had the best best best book trailer I've seen for the longest time.

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### **Margie says**

The best time to search for treasure is in the spring. With the extremely cold winters and lower water levels, more area freezes. The ice dredges up gems from the rocky and sandy bottom of Lake Michigan. Petoskey stones are plentiful.

The closest I have come to discovering living riches are glimpses of white-tailed deer splashing in the waves, seagulls looking for free food and drifting and diving ducks. *To the Sea* (Disney Hyperion, June 2, 2015) written and illustrated by Cale Atkinson explores being in the moment. To find someone who is not used to being seen by others changes everything for both beings.

My full recommendation: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2015/06/to-the-sea.html>

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### **Jamey Crook says**

My wife just read this to our kindergartner and I was absolutely blown away. The visuals are spectacular; the contrast that is so forced and contrived in so many recent films is put to great effect here. The inside world and things associated with it are vibrant orange and the sea, water, rain and the like are in lovely, greens and blues.

The narrative is lovely and meaningful. The boy steps up with kindness and sincerity and saves the whale. It's the kind of simple, wonderful story that sounds unimportant in synopsis. If you've got a little one or are a teacher or librarian or anyone else who reads to kids, do them a favor and put this on your storytime list.

Well done, Mr. Atkinson. I see you.

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