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A snazzy story about friendship and true love! Lerch is one sassy, snazzy fish who seems to have it all: good looks, charm, a great sense of humor, and a perfect smile. But he's lonely (the bubbles and the pebbles ain't talkin'!) and wants to find a friend. But where? Then, with the help of an unexpected "admirer," Lerch meets Dinah, and it's true love from first glance.

## **Swim! Swim! Details**

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## **From Reader Review *Swim! Swim!* for online ebook**

### **Alexis Lattin says**

1. No awards
2. PreK-3rd Grade
3. Lerch is a charming and humorous fish but he is lonely. Lerch goes on an adventure to find friendship and true love and his experience is shown in this graphic text.
4. This is a very cute and adorable graphic text that I know children will love. The humor and adventure is quite fun and it has a very happy ending. The children can relate to the feeling of wanting a friend. Also, the illustrations are great!
5. The children could make their own story after reading this text, like a comic strip of some sort. The children could also draw or create pictures of Lerch and Dinah and extend the story with their own creative ideas of what could happen next.

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### **Lneme2651ung.Edu says**

This is a cute story about a fish named Lurch and his search for a friend. This is a graphic style book with expressive illustrations which is great for beginning readers. I would use this story in a read aloud in a kindergarten or first-grade classroom to teach story elements such as sequencing, problem, and setting.

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### **Sammantha says**

My daughter enjoyed this story when I read it to her. It's a silly and fun read for the little ones.

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### **Kristen Dutkiewicz says**

I enjoyed this book much more than I predicted I would! A funny sense of humor and simple illustrations make for the build-up of a cute friendship story.

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### **Kari says**

Every time I see this book's cover I can't stop smiling - one of the best read alouds for my kinder-2nd graders - especially around Valentines day....so sweet and simple.

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### **Joanne Zienty says**

Loved it! Lerch is a fish looking for friendship and love in a lonely world, until a bit of help from an

unexpected friend connects him with "the one." Great read aloud, fabulous illustrations! Just fun, fun, fun!

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### **Katy says**

I kind of love this book. I'm iffy about speech bubbles and storytime, but I really do love this one so I'll probably use it.

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### **Pam says**

Lerch is a lonely fish who tries to make friends with the aquarium pieces - the pebbles, diver figure, bubbles don't respond. He feels unloved. A cat comes by and brings another fish. They become friends and swim off together.

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### **Jennifer says**

Friendship and fun. I'm a little afraid this will go over my preschoolers' heads, but the illustrations are great and the message is fun.

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### **Powerm2 says**

This book tells the story of an optimistic fish who is looking for a friend in a lonely tank. He asks numerous bubbles and pebbles to be his friends and becomes upset when nothing will be his friend. Then, from the help of a hungry cat, he finds a new friend by chance.

This picture book is a great entrance way for graphic texts and novels. It is written in a comical way that allows children to connect to and understand the genre. It can also teach the theme of being optimistic and can be part of the text set for "James and the Giant Peach"

Quote: "Fine. Be that way. This is a big world. I'll find a friend.

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### **Edna Velasquez says**

Awards: None

Grade Level: Pre-k-1st

Summary: Lerch is a charming fish who realizes he is lonely. This graphic book shows Lerch's experiences in trying to find friendship and true love. He asks the pebbles, the bubbles to be his friend but they do not talk to him so the ending surprises readers because of the cat. The two fishes in the bowl become friends.

Review: I enjoy this book especially for children because it teaches them the true definition of friendship which is important for young children. The illustrations shows Lerch's experiences throughout the book in trying to find friendship.

In class uses: 1. Make paper plate fishes and decorate it how they want it  
2. Let children make their own comic strip  
3. Include more informational text

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### **Chad Seevers says**

fun book. good read out loud. good making friends book.

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### **Hope McCabe says**

1. Awards: None
2. Preschool—3rd grade
3. Lerch is an interesting and charming fish. However, he realizes he is lonely. This graphic book shows Lerch's experiences in trying to find friendship and true love.
4. *Swim! Swim!* is an adorable and interesting read. Lerch's yearning for a companion and is sweet and something the children can feel for. The pictures are inviting and imaginative for all to enjoy!
5. In the classroom:  
Students will receive a paper plate and color it like the ocean. They can paste colored Goldfish snacks to the plate to associate it with the theme of fish and the ocean.  
Students can draw their own comic strip having to do with Lerch and Dinah.

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### **Samantha Beaujour says**

1. None.
2. Pre k-1st grade.
3. Lerch is a sassy fish in the tank with good looks and a great sense of humor. The problem is he's the only fish in the tank which means he gets lonely. Unexpectedly Lerch is introduced Dinah, and it's love at first sight.
4. This picture book is written in a comical way that allows children to connect. I loved this story because it has a theme of friendship that is so important for young children to understand.
5. Get a class pet (2 fishes), read an informational text about fishes.

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### **Arthur says**

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