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# Third Grade Mermaid



## Synopsis

Cora is a small mermaid with a BIG personality. But like so many mermaids in the third grade, she is struggling to truly be herself. She wants to be like the Singing Sirens, the most glamorous swim team in the sea. Unfortunately, an annoying road--er, seablock--keep getting in her way. When Cora fails her spelling test, her coach says she can't be on the team unless she gets an A on the next one! Can Cora conquer her spelling test, make the swim team, AND stay true to herself at the same time?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Gr 2-4 •Cora, a mermaid in the third grade, wants to be part of the Singing Sirens, but her failing spelling grade keeps her from the team. To help encourage Cora's writing and improve her spelling, Cora's mom buys her a diary, and Cora tells readers her story through her conversational entries. In her quest to regain her place with the Singing Sirens, Cora befriends a giant shrimp (made extra large by undersea toxic green sludge) and learns what real friendship is about. Nearly every page contains illustrations and dialogue. Combined with an easy-to-read typeface and short chapters, this may be a visually appealing choice for young independent readers.

looking to challenge themselves. But while mystical mermaids, talking sea creatures, and one big, mutated shrimp fill the pages, they are flat and predictable. VERDICT A serviceable addition for collections in need of simple chapter books.  Lindsay Persohn, University of South Florida, Tampa

Peter Raymundo was 21 years old when he went to work for Walt Disney Studios as part of their Feature Animation Division. There he drew (and drew and drew) for films such as Tarzan, Lilo & Stitch and Mulan. To this day, he says he can draw Mulan's two friends Ling and Chien Po as easily as he can write his own name! Pete is the author of the picture book *The Monkey and the Bee* and *Third Grade Mermaid* is his debut chapter book series. His favorite part about working on *Third Grade Mermaid* was diving into the ocean research. Pete says: "Besides offering a naturally unique cast of characters, the ocean's timeless beauty and diversity provides an endless backdrop for fun and meaningful stories." Pete and his family live in Celebration, Florida.

Absolutely loved this book! Raymundo has a way of entertaining young readers while inspiring them to work hard to reach their goals! This book had built-in mini lessons on disappointment, imperfection, organization and preparation, perseverance and dreams fulfilled! Beautiful illustrations and fun, multi-sized fonts throughout! My 4 grandkids ages 2 to 13 enjoyed it! Can't wait for the next one!

My 6 year old daughter and I read this together and I know she will have memories of eating ice cream sundaes in her mermaid costume while listening to me read this book. Great as a read aloud for emerging readers! But, I think the true beauty of this book is the age group it was intended for; readers that are beyond 1-2 sentences per page, but are intimidated by full chapter books. Why can there not be more books like this for our children?! I know our daughter will take it out and read it on her own next year and take away other lessons that she may have missed the first time. And, did you notice what I wrote?! That's right, LESSONS! It actually has several life lessons that children can relate to. Things like avoiding problems, bullies and self-esteem are brought up. But, they are so secretly tucked away, that your child (and maybe even you while you are reading it) may not notice right away. You're just enjoying Cora's adventures, chuckling at her mishaps (the issue with her brother and the shrimp was FUNNY - or "FINNY" if you are a mermaid)! And, then you stop and start chatting about what is happening and realize there are several problems she is facing; just like our kids! And, of course, this book cannot be reviewed completely without mentioning the artwork.

Each page is full of adorable, beautiful illustrations and perfect for the story. The author/illustrator's background was in animation with Disney. Yet, it is still a style all to its own. I can see a stuffed Cora somewhere down the line! And, I know one little mermaid that will be saving up her "seashells" to buy one!

This was great! Got this for a 3rd grader and read together to practice reading. I love how it's a longer book where we can read parts of it every single night. Great story and mini lessons!

Really cute looking forward to his next one. Thank you

daughter loves the story

the book was awesome i loved it so much! it was the funniest book i have read. i hope that i can read the next one ok bye!

My 6 year old daughter read this book over a weekend and loved it!

Cool book thanks

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