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Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny, and Mike Details

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From Reader Review Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny, and Mike for online ebook

Edwina says

This is a colorful story, lots of interesting words, great illustrations. So, why did I give it only three stars? Because snails are gastropods. Snails don't smile (though he is really cute). A snail's mouth is on his stomach, or foot, actually. Stuff like this drives me crazy.

My students really enjoyed the story, though.

Amy says

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A new illustrator was on the job for this spunky new Cynthia Rylant book, Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny and Mike. If you like reading about snails, fish tanks and a silly plot, this book is for you. The entire children's book takes place in a fish tank.

rising conflict: when the little girl wants to clean the tank...it's a trap

The Library Lady says

Amusing, but as someone who maintained an aquarium for a long time, I can tell you that part of the group would have been floating upside down in the tank from shock after being plopped right into the tank, and the rest would have died from overcrowding. The clown fish, beloved of every kid who's ever seen "Finding Nemo" is a salt water fish who'd die in this tank, and angel fish are beautiful, but evil bullies.

Enjoy this, but don't use it to train future ichthyologists.....

Peacegal says

This is a colorful book starring a tankful of goofy goldfish that will have kids repeating its joyful refrain of "so fab!"

The fact that a saltwater species (clownfish) is added to this tank seems like a calculated move to appeal to "Finding Nemo" fans, even though most will know that a marine fish doesn't live in freshwater.

Humane-minded families may want to note that this book does begin with the fish being purchased at a pet

shop.

Baby Bookworm says

This review was originally written for The Baby Bookworm. Visit us for new picture books reviews daily!

Hello, friends! Our book today is *Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny, And Mike*, written by Cynthia Rylant and illustrated by Mike Austin, a story about how the quietest among us can often be the most brave and helpful.

Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny, and Mike are all old friends from the pet store, and as close as friends can be. So naturally, they are delighted when a little girl buys all five of them and takes them home to a shiny new fish tank! The tank has everything: orange gravel, a cool rock, a neat diver, bubbles, and well, a slimy snail, but no one pays him any mind. Soon a hilarious clownfish and a striking angelfish join their clique, and the girl even adds a beautiful fairy castle for them to swim through. But – OH NO – Lenny gets stuck and no one can figure out how to free him! What will the friends do?!

This was a great little tale of inclusion, and we liked it a lot. It's an interesting twist on the "popular kids" story because it shows things from the opposite point of view than is typical. The fish aren't mean or nasty to the snail (who eventually saves the day to great acclaim), they just sort of breeze past him because they focused on each other. It shows young readers that the popular ones aren't always bullies and unpopular kids aren't always loners – everyone involved might just need to find the right way to connect. The art is cute, colorful, and very expressive, and I loved the integrated comic-book style text. The length was good, and JJ liked it a lot. A great story with a strong message: sometimes, the person on the other side of the fish tank is just a friend you haven't made yet. Baby Bookworm approved!

Be sure to check out The Baby Bookworm for more reviews!

Serenity says

This is a cute little picture book that will make a good read aloud. The illustrations are vibrant and there is large text sprinkled throughout that younger kids will be able to recognize and repeat with the reader. The fish in the tank ignore the snail until one day they need help. A tale about being kind and how everyone can have a role to play.

Katie says

Not a bad story, and a fairly quick read. Young readers may be able to handle the text on their own. The long and short there are 5 fish friends who love their fish tank, except the snail, which they ignore (no reason is given). The only negative is when the tank is cleaned, but apparently, that isn't too bad because they like when everything is clean. Life gets better when new fish are added, and become new friends. Then they get a fishy castle, and one fish gets stuck. None of the friends can free him, but the snail can. Yay. but then

"fish-tank life returns to what it always was..." which means they ignore the snail again-except the illustration on that page has them all kissing the snail. So life is not what it always was for the snail?

Can you tell this isn't my favorite book?

Christine Turner says

From beloved author Cynthia Rylant and illustrator Mike Austin comes a colorful and quirky picture book about five fish who find unexpected friendship when some new additions to their tank shake things up! Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny and Mike are five fish friends who love everything about life in the fish tank--except for clean-the-tank day and the snail that lives with them, who they mostly ignore. But one day, when they get an enchanting new fairy-tale castle, disaster strikes! And it turns out there's only one slippery, slimy non-fish fellow who can help...

Kary says

Super cute! Love everything about it. Definitely going to do a read aloud with this. Has some great vocab - ornamental, exotic, etc. Could do a research center about clownfish, angel fish, goldfish, snails, etc. or learn how to take care of a fish. And if we get some pet fish for the library, this would be a great book to introduce them!

Becky B says

Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny and Mike are five fish in an aquarium. They love their aquarium and the little girl who keeps them, but they ignore the snail who lives with them until one day.

These five little fish learn an important lesson about friendship, citizenship, and recognizing the worth in everyone. The snail is a good sport. He could've been very bitter because of the way he's been ignored but he isn't. A great book to use when talking to kids about remembering to include others and avoiding cliques and prejudice.

Amanda Brooke says

I love reading different versions of Chicken Little and Henny Penny to my students. I was hoping this book would be an addition to that. It was cute. I think it might be gender weighted and preferred by a girl - not because it features a girl, but because of the word FAB and the little kisses. It also suggests that the angelfish says a prayer which is a turn off for me. So while it's a great book, I just didn't relate to it or see a use for reading it to my students.

Anna says

George calls this the "bubble" book, and he's been screaming for "bubbles" multiple times a day for the past few weeks (this narrative is set inside a fish tank, and there are bubbles on every page). It's a cute book -- it teaches a generic lesson about treating others with kindness -- but quite frankly, it is exhausting to read aloud. This book was made for performance, and if I don't fully engage with each "pop!" and "splash!" and "gulp, gulp, gulp," I feel like I'm shirking my read aloud responsibility. But I am exhausted each time I finish this thing, and I'll be honest and say that I'm ready to send it back to the library.

Becky says

I'm a total SUCKER for this book! The surprise bits of massive text align perfectly with my enthusiastic storytime approach, the illustrations are eye-catching but not overwhelming, and the story is, well, so fab! I like when a message doesn't feel shoved down my throat, and this story got it just right. That snail... I'd hug his slimy guts out!

VillaPark Public Library says

Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny, and Mike are 5 fish who live a very happy life in the fish tank owned by a little girl who bought them at the store. The 5 fish are fabulous friends who love being together. They enjoy all the comforts of their fish tank home down to the orange gravel. Once in a while, however, things are not so fabulous--especially when the fish tank gets a good cleaning by the little girl. One day the 5 fish friends get a pleasant new addition to their fish tank home when a fairy castle arrives. The fish friends are thrilled until Lenny gets stuck inside the castle. There doesn't seem to be a solution to the problem, until the often-ignored snail comes to the rescue!

This book offers a look into the ups and downs of friendship, as well as a beginning understanding of problem solving skills.

Check this book out at the Villa Park Public Library:

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Jeanie {coffee girl} says

Today's #BookaDay is a picture book entitled: Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny & Mike by Cynthia Rylant is a cute little story about the life of five fabulous fish friends. I really like how Rylant tells the story in the view of the fish; from the everyday moments of gulping and kissing to those dreaded tank cleaning days.

According to the fabulous five, most things are, "So Fab!" until something bad happens to one of the fish.

This character conflict causes the fish to feel not so fab until a solution is created by one of the least expected

habitats in the aquarium. This is a gentle reminder that the answer does not always come from those we expect it to come from. Sometimes, those who go unnoticed are willing and able to save the day!

A discussion of friendship and those other people around us could be started with a book like: Henny, Penny, Lenny, Denny & Mike. What other things could we gather from this picture book?
