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Pearl Petal and Ben Silverstein can't wait for their first official day as apprentices of Dr. Woo, veterinarian for imaginary creatures. That is, until they are tasked with clipping the sasquatch's toenails. *Gross!*

Then Pearl spots a monster in the lake behind the hospital. Even though they were told not to leave the building for *any* reason, Pearl sets off for a closer look, with Ben trailing cautiously behind.

The outing goes awry when Ben is captured by the creature and held hostage on an island in the middle of the lake. It's up to Pearl to hatch a rescue mission. Will she save the day or cement her reputation as the town troublemaker? And will the hospital's *secret* patient be able to help?

Suzanne Selfors takes readers on an incredible adventure full of mythical creatures and astonishing discoveries that are anything *but* imaginary.

This book includes bonus writing, art, and science activities that will help readers discover more about the mythological creatures featured in *The Lonely Lake Monster*. These activities are designed for the home and the classroom. Enjoy doing them on your own or with friends!

The Lonely Lake Monster Details

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Theresa says

I am absolutely in love with this book series!

Pearl and Ben are headed off for their first day at Dr. Woo's hospital. It is just as spectacular as you would expect.

Pearl's natural ability to get herself in trouble is on full display, but this job and this friend mean a lot to her, so she grows as a person as she takes responsibility for what goes wrong and tries to fix it. She is a great kid who's curiosity just gets the best of her.

The lake monster is absolutely adorable. As is the other imaginary character that gets dragged along for the ride. I loved the foreshadowing for these characters.

The artwork in this series is awesome! What a perfect match for the story.

Kate says

The first successful bedtime chapter books for both boys (at ages 4/5 and 6). I can see both boys reading this series on their own when they are a little older.

Meghan says

I really like the shoes the leprechaun made.
I'm wondering what the shoes are for.

AMY says

Fiction; 205 pgs; More fun adventures of Pearl Petal (love that name!) and Ben Silverstein at Dr. Woo's Worm Hospital. This time the two apprentices are trying to get in the door without causing trouble. Ben's grandpa and Pearl's mom insist on meeting Dr. Woo before their kids can work there. PROBLEM!!! Nosy Ms. Mulberry won't give up trying to get in to meet Dr. Woo. Ms. Mulberry feels entitled to an introduction since she is the president of the Welcome Wagon and insists it is her job to find out what is REALLY going on. This time Pearl and Ben have to cut the toenails of the Sasquatch they captured in book 1. However, they notice a lonely sea monster in the lake behind the hospital and can't resist checking it out. They have to get help from a reluctant leprechaun with a cold and nearly lose their jobs in the process. Leave it to Pearl to get them into trouble AGAIN! Great story with non-stop adventure and action. Gr. 4-5; Highly recommended. I read this in one sitting. Couldn't stop until I finished. Awesome series!!!

John says

Secnd book was also good. Like how it changed the narrative. Curious to see where it goes from here

Kristen says

Following directly after the first book, The Lonely Lake Monster find Ben and Pearl as assistants to Dr. Woo, the vet for extraordinary creatures. This book is from Pearl's point of view, which was a nice change from the first book, which was from Ben's point of view. Selfors does a great job of summing up the series so far in an easy to understand and pick up this book out of order. In this book, Pearl manages to get in big trouble. Ben becomes captured by the lake monster and Pearl must figure out how to get him away from the monster without jeopardizing their assistant positions.

The best plan Pearl comes up with involves a sick leprechaun, who may or may not be willing to help her. I found this plot to be a step up from the previous novel in ways. I like the way the pair dodges the curious Mrs. Mulberry and her daughter, who keep nosing around the hospital.

I like the way we see Pearl grow a little in this book, as she finds that her first approach is not always the best. Ben is the more cautious of the two, but is curious enough to follow Pearl into some interesting situations. I do love that it is Ben that gets captured and needs saving.

Final Verdict: A solid second book, The Lonely Lake Monster finds a new adventure with more fantastical creatures and problems to be solved.

Mikey Golczynski says

I like how Selfors switched the narrative focus from Ben to Pearl in the second book. A lot of character development takes place and Pearl becomes a much more three dimensional character after The Sasquatch Escape. A lot more depth is given to her inner monologue and how she feels about being labeled 'Troublemaker'. It seems the main issue with Pearl is that she has a bit of a problem with impulse control and that her plans are not always the most well thought out. This of course, spurs the plot forward when she convinces Ben to wander outside Dr. Woo's office toward the lake where the monster lives. I think my favorite portion of the book is when Pearl takes a moment to reflect on her new apprenticeship and her blooming friendship with Ben. It shows that despite her bravado and bravery in the face of adventure, she is actually quite vulnerable and has been hurt before. This book also touches on Pearl's feelings about her family. Sure, she loves them and seems happy, but seems very eager to put on a pair of magical shoes offered to her because they do things that Dollar Store shoes don't.

His is a great followup to The Sasquatch Escape which has turned into a runaway hit at the library where I work. Kids who enjoyed the first book will easily slip back into the world of Buttonville, eager and ready to assist Dr. Woo as she cares for her imaginary creatures.

Barbara says

The second title in The Imaginary Veterinary series follow Pearl Petal and Ben Silverstein on their inaugural day as apprentices to the mysterious Dr. Woo. Although they have been given conditions to follow in order to keep them safe from harm as they work, Pearl can't manage to contain her curiosity. They end up meeting up with a watery creature who lives in the nearby lake and suffers from acute loneliness. Pearl is the one who figures a solution to the lake monster's problems, and readers will see a hint of what she does from her treatment of her own bird earlier in the book. The book is funny, and the characters are interesting enough to keep readers turning the book's pages. Since the creatures that are helped in Dr. Woo's hospital are all imaginary, there is much room for adventures in the books to come in the series. I also liked the map and illustrations that appear in the book.

Peter Jones says

Good book with the kids

Susan says

A fun read for a read-a-loud, and group discussion.

Thomas DeWolf says

Not sure why I listened to this one without my granddaughter, with whom I listened to the first one. Another trip over the mountains and back, and, again, it was a fun companion like the first one. I enjoyed the first one better. Maybe I just like Sasquatch more than lake monsters and leprechauns.

Deacon Yeager says

My favorite part was the lake monster. She acted just like a dog. I laughed a lot when she wouldn't let Ben get away from her.

Pearl gets in a lot of trouble, but sometimes her ideas are really good ones. Other times not so much.

Ben says

more for kids but still good

Kim Harris says

Pearl and Ben are back, ready to begin their new internship with Dr. Woo, a veterinarian for imaginary creatures. It is a dream come true until they realize that the only imaginary creature they will get to meet is their old friend Sasquatch and his toe nails (really, don't ask). But while trying to stay on task, they meet a new creature and Pearl can't help it. She has to investigate and break a few rules along the way. But when all of her solutions seem to lead to more problems, Pearl has to find another way to save the day and her new job. #40bookchallenge

Susan Iverson says

not as fun as book #1 but enjoyable enough that I will continue with the series
I especially like the author's post-script with 'lessons' about imaginary creatures
