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Review

When Bob becomes bored, he and Joss decide to jump on a boat and go on an adventure. But when their boat is shipwrecked on a tropical island, Bob finds that survival in the wild isn’t the easiest. They face new monsters, learn to build a shelter, and scavenge for food. Bob can’t help but freak out while Joss seems to keep his cool. When Joss comes back with beach towels, a snorkel, and fins Bob realizes that they crash landed on the other side on the island where the resort is! They make it back home safely, but soon Bob gets bored again.

Bob and Joss Get Lost is a hilarious story of two friends who handle their shipwrecked situation very differently. Bob is constantly on high alert and stresses about finding shelter and food while Joss is relaxed and carefree about the whole experience. Joss teaches Bob to take time and appreciate the sound of the ocean and calm, away from video games and urban comforts. Readers will laugh when they discover that the food Joss keeps bringing back is from the resort on the other side of the island. And the author includes coordinates on each page so that readers can track exactly where Bob and Joss’s adventures lead them. This is a great story about friendship and enjoying the journey in life.