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# The Rainbow Fish

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# Book Review

**Title:** The Rainbow Fish  
**Author:** Marcus Pfister  
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**Publisher:** North-South Books  
**Year:** 1992  
**ISBN:** 9781558580091  
**Pages:** 32  
**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

Rainbow Fish has glittery scales and everyone, even himself, thinks he is very beautiful. One day, a small blue fish asks for one of the sparkling scales, but Rainbow Fish refuses to share any of his beauty. Because he was unkind, no one likes Rainbow Fish and he becomes very lonely. A wise octopus recommends that Rainbow Fish share his scales. Rainbow Fish learns that sharing fills him with warm, fuzzy feelings.

This story can teach children the importance of sharing and of being humble and kind. Rainbow Fish learns that being with others makes him happier than being the most beautiful fish who is always by himself. While at first proud, Rainbow Fish learns to be humble and has more fun playing with the others than he used to by just swimming by himself. This is a great story to share in classrooms and homes as young readers learn how to navigate socially and make friends.