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I Used to Be a Fish

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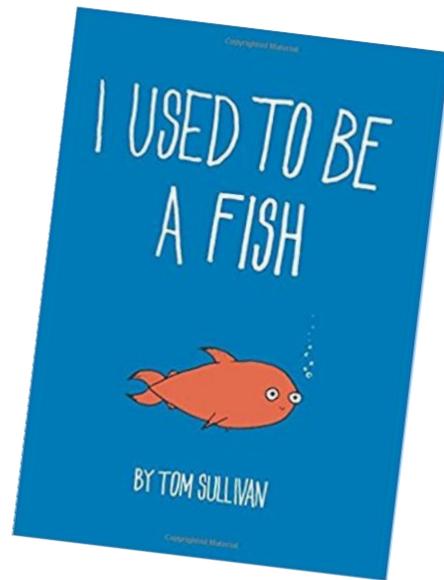
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Book Review

Title: I Used to Be a Fish
Author: Tom Sullivan
Reviewer: Ariel Woodbury
Publisher: Balzer + Bray
Year: 2016
ISBN: 9780062451989
Pages: 39
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Excellent



Review

A little boy with a pet fish imagines the course of human evolution happening to him. He begins as a fish and decides to grow legs! And he keeps changing more and more. He grows fur, loses the fur, starts hunting other animals, and then builds skyscrapers! He hopes that one day he'll change again so that he can fly.

The illustrations in *I Used to Be a Fish* consist of boldly colored images of orange and blue with black outlines. They are simple and dramatic in style. Each of the boy's transformations corresponds with the appearance of a new type of life on Earth: fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, primates, etc. The author includes a little more information about evolution, like how it doesn't occur to a single organism during its lifespan, at the back of the book along with a timeline showing the progress of life on Earth. The text is large with small words and limited to a short sentence or two per page.

*Contains an illustration of a naked man, but nothing explicit is shown.