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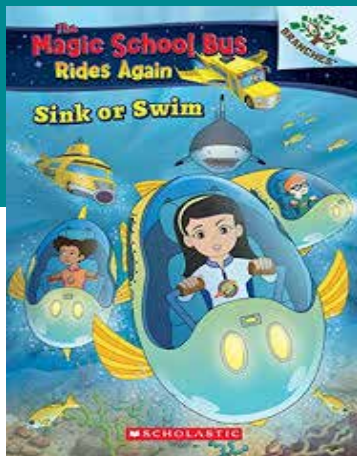
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Primary, Intermediate

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Ms. Frizzle's class decides to venture to Hawaii, where Wanda is set on finding a new animal friend to help save. She befriends a bluestripe snapper, whom she calls Becca Blue. Rather than enjoying her time in Hawaii with everyone else, Wanda constantly worries about Becca and how to help her. Ms. Frizzle's class explores the sea using fishmobiles, submarines that have fins like fish. On an expedition in her fishmobile, Wanda tries to save Becca from a shark. However, her efforts are not needed as a school of bluestripe snapper fish come and confuse the shark. Then the shark traps Wanda, so Ms. Frizzle calls in her school of fishmobiles to save the day.

This is a very fun, early reader chapter book that brings The Magic School Bus back to life! With pictures on every page and larger text, this book eases readers into the transition to chapter books. This series brings back many of the well-loved characters of the original Magic School Bus series while also adding some new, more diverse characters. This particular book is a great introduction to learning about fish. It teaches parts of a fish by using the fishmobile to diagram and explain the purpose of the different fins. It also touches on schools of fish and what their purpose serves. Entertaining and educational, your early reader will love The Magic School Bus! It is great for classrooms and the home.