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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

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Primary

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210

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Cora the mermaid has got to memorize her spelling words, and fast. Her spot on the swim team is in jeopardy because of her horrific grade in spelling. Maybe her friends can help her figure out the secret to memorizing. But any time Cora sits down to study, she ends up either falling asleep or being distracted by giant shrimp, singing sirens, and birthday parties. Just when it seems like she'll never pass her test, she realizes she's been living the words all week.

The illustrations in *Third Grade Mermaid* are amazing. This book is a perfect beginning chapter book. With illustrations covering every page, the children will have instant comprehension help. There are also quite a few well-placed vocabulary words that include definitions or distinct context clues. Don't be fooled, this book is not just about school and vocabulary words, it's about the typical worries, adventures, mishaps, and funny moments of the life of a third grader. This book is recommended to all third graders who love mermaids.