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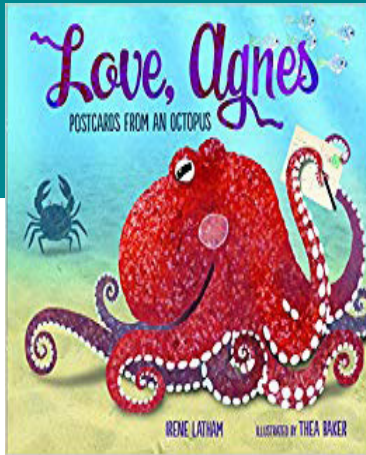
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Book Review

Love, Agnes

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Rating

Dependable

Level

Preschool, Primary

Agnes the octopus is searching for a new home. She is under the pier one day when a postcard thrown into the ocean gets in her way. She reads it and a correspondence begins between her and Andrew, a young boy whom is blowing off steam about his irritating brother by writing it down. Agnes continues to give advice to him throughout her life. She also responds to letters from another, rather snooty octopus named McKenzie, crabs afraid she will eat them, and eventually, her own baby octopus eggs.

Love, Agnes could be appealing for children who are learning about mail and letter writing, as well as those who like octopuses. The flow of the story may be difficult for young children to follow because of the correspondence with different characters interspersed in the story. The illustrations have fascinating textures and a cartoon influence. This story helps to humanize octopuses by having Agnes give advice to a young boy, get in a tiff with another octopus, look for a home, and have babies. At the end of the book are informational pages all about octopuses, and even a list of other books to read and websites to visit to learn more about them.

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