

Parrotfish Has a Superpower

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Synopsis: A funny and fictional introduction to factual information about the parrotfish and its incredible somewhat-squirmy superpower.

Suggested Reading Date: November 21 (International Fish Day); April 22 (Earth Day); June 1 (Reef Awareness Day)

Activity Descriptions:

- Use the “True or False?” page at the end of the text to have kids engage in learning a little more about the parrotfish.
- Discuss fiction and nonfiction - what makes this fictional? What are some facts that are shared?
- Fill out a note taking sheet about parrotfish.
- Use this book as a jump off to explore databases or select websites.
- Practice questioning by asking kids what the book makes them wonder?
- Share a video listed below to learn more.
- Makerspace: Collection of activities including, notetakers, an “unplugged” coding activity, and puzzles are available in the Book Links’ Classroom Companion linked below.

Related Websites:

- Jill Esbaum author website: <https://www.jillesbaum.com/>
- Bob Shea illustrator website: <https://www.bobshea.com/>
- Johnathan Bird’s Blue World Extra - video on parrotfish poop: https://youtu.be/BDr4Gs_GxsA?si=nm5gCsefGNU8u9aZ
- PBS Gross Science - sand creation and other facts: <https://youtu.be/1SfxgY1dIM4?si=6w-l1Cat6KHCA7j2>
- Book Links’ Classroom Companion - a rich collection of classroom support materials and activities for the book: https://www.thebooklinksllc.com/files/ugd/1dff02_84d6b1fc23a34ab08c4450e730cd0cab.pdf

Text to Text Connections:

- *Mysterious Sea Bunny* by Peter Raymundo
- *Agatha May and the Anglerfish* by Nora Morrison & Jessie Anne Foley
- *Butterflies are Pretty Gross* by Rosemary Mosco
- *Nugget and Fang* by Tami Sauer

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