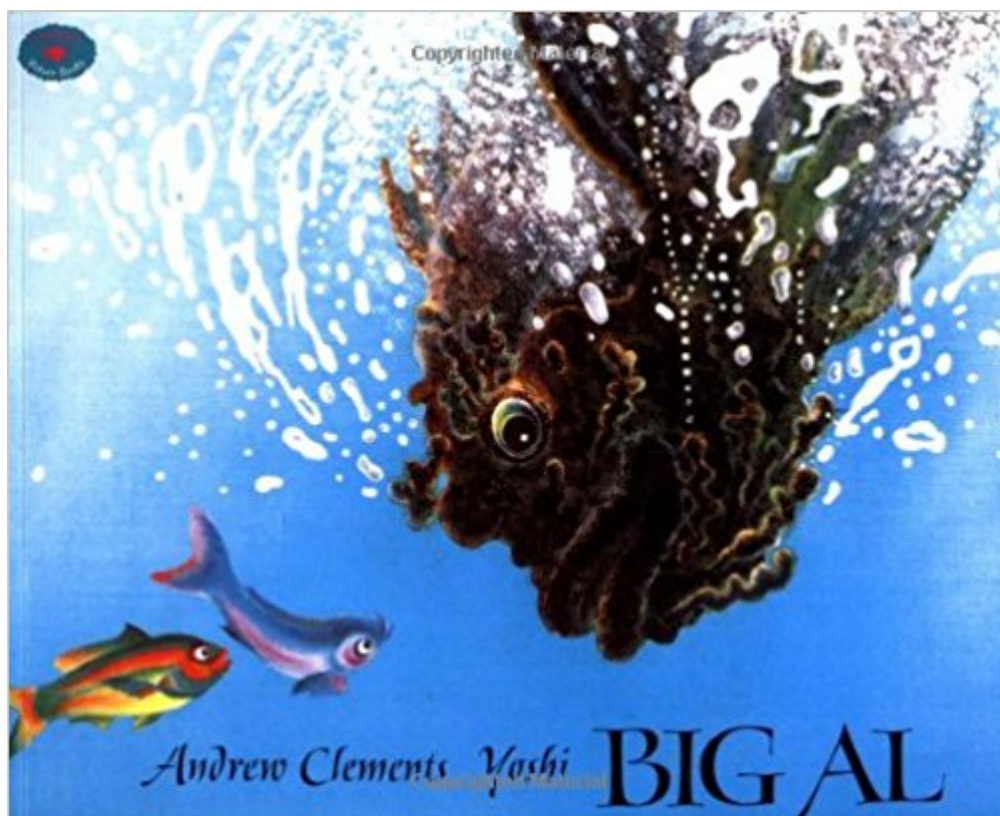


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# Big Al



## Synopsis

Poor Big Al! He just wants to make friends. And in the whole wide blue sea you can't find a nicer fish. But because Big Al is large and scary-looking, the little fish are afraid to get to know him. What can he do? He tries everything he can think of -- from disguising himself with seaweed to burrowing under the ocean floor so he'll look smaller. But something always goes wrong, and lonely Big Al wonders if he'll ever have a single friend. Then one frightening day, when a fishing net captures the other fish, Big Al gets the chance to prove what a wonderful friend he can be!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

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When rating children's books I like to go by these guidelines. I currently teach a multiage classroom of 1st and 2nd graders with varying ability levels from non readers to students reading at or above a 5th grade level. My rating: 5 stars! What or if I would use this for: (Here is the copy of the lesson plan I used this book for) Reader's Workshop Big AI Materials, Texts & Reminders: Sticky Notes Big AI Whiteboards & Markers for all students CLO/Standard I can notice and track character feelings to help me understand the story (plot/illustration) RL2.1 and 1.1 and W2.1 and 1.1 Checks for Understanding: Turn and Talk Thumbs Up and Down Student participating Language/Vocab: Character, Strong Feelings, illustrations Differentiation/Assessment Partner Work, Visuals, Teacher Models Lesson: Motivation/Hook Students Yesterday we read Big AI and many of you noticed how his feelings changed throughout the story. Today we are going to look deeper at the author's words and illustrations to understand how Big AI feels. I Do Dark blue Sticky Note #1: Let's look at this page closely (Reread it.) I think Big AI felt sad because the author used the words lonely and big salty tears. (Teacher draws Big AI with a sad face with one tear falling down). We Do Students use whiteboards and divide the whiteboard into 3 sections with a marker. Go to second dark blue sticky note. Reread page and have students draw a simple picture of how Big AI feels. Repeat with Page 3 dark blue sticky note. (nervous) Repeat with Page 4 dark blue sticky note. (happy) You Do Reader's Response. When you go back to your seats, write about how Big AI's feelings changed throughout the story. Give 10 minutes to write. Closing Students share their reader's responses out loud to the class. What my students thought: My student absolutely loved this book! They thought it was a little silly-but they just adored the end of the story. Quality of photographs or illustrations: Excellent illustrations! I was so impressed! Depth of knowledge: There is a lot of depth of knowledge in this book. And the moral of the story is one that every child should read at least once. Text quality: Great placement of text on the page. High quality children's book for sure!

One of the best teachers in America (my opinion has awards to back it up) requested this book, so we bought it for the library.

great engaging story . moves along quickly. great graphics. great color and printing

This was one of my kid's favorite books, so I thought I should buy one for my little nieces. Beautiful illustrations and wonderful story about not judging by appearances.

This is a great book that discusses how we are all different and you can't judge a person by what's on the outside.

This is a wonderfully sweet book about not judging others. The illustrations recreate a the beautiful undersea world. This is one of my favorite children's books.

I'm a speech language pathologist and will use this book with my students in elementary school. It's great for use with the story grammar marker and for retelling.

I bought this book for my prek 3 class on friends. what a great book. so cute, the pictures are great, funny. they are going to love this story. my daughter read it, she's in 5th grade, and was laughing throughout the story. I just love it.

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