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After Tom rescued Frankie the goldfish from his big brother Mark's toxic science experiment by zapping him back to life with a battery, Frankie somehow became a BIG FAT ZOMBIE GOLDFISH with dangerous hypnotic powers. Fortunately, Frankie has appointed himself Tom's bodyguard, and together, with a little help from their friends, they thwart Mark's Evil Scientist plans.

Tom is looking forward to their annual family trip to the seaside, right up until he hears about the Evil Eel of Eel Bay--a monster that Mark is "entirely" too interested in. After all, even a BIG FAT ZOMBIE GOLDFISH might have a little trouble with a Super Electric Zombie Eel!

Then, Frankie takes center stage to rescue Tom's school play from Mark's evil plans.

The Fintastic Fishsitter Details

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Ro Menendez says

A classic story of cat wanting to devour goldfish is taken up a notch in fierceness in this story where the cat is a vampire kitten and the fish is a zombie fish. Sami is in charge of watching Zombie Goldfish and although cat and fish go at eat each other like an episode of Tom and Jerry, they are no match for the little girl's games.

Mehsi says

I am a huge fan of this series, I am really happy that I found the first book some weeks ago, because boy, this series is just wonderful, cute and hilarious.

I just had to get this picture book. Seeing the characters in colour? Check! Having another fun adventure featuring Frankie? Check! But this book brought more fun then I thought. Instead of Tom and Pradeep as main characters we quickly switch to Sami, the little sister of Pradeep. Finally she can have her say, finally we have a story with her as main character. Because Sami is one of my favourite characters, it is always fun to see her around in the stories, she really adds to the story and she is also super protective of Frankie.

This story is all about her fish-sitting Frankie, and it was truly fun to see her protect Frankie (by sitting on his bowl, hunching over it, and even building a tower in a swimming pool). Why? Well, guess who is also around. Yep, Fang is also there, and I was delighted to see our little kitty in full colour.

The antics between Frankie and Fang were hilarious, and also what Sami did. For such a tiny little girl she is really awesome and is very strict. I loved the ending of the book, and especially how Fang and Frankie looked (expressions and something else). I just burst out in laughter. They both had it coming. Can't play nice? Well then let Sami pick a game. Maybe these two will learn something, like that one does not mess with Sami.

The illustrations were really pretty and fun, I just love them and I also love seeing all the characters (not only Frankie) in colour.

I would highly recommend this picture book if you are looking for a fun summer book to read, or if you are looking for a book about zombie goldfish and vampire kittens. :)

Review first posted at <http://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

Edward Sullivan says

Sami ably protects zombie goldfish from vampire kitty.

Kidlit says

Brilliant gateway into the longer books.

Jenn Swanson says

My daughter didn't enjoy this story as much as I thought she would. The illustrations were good though.

Kimberly says

This was a story about how a girl was to babysit a zombie fish for her friend but she already has an evil vampire cat so she was to keep them desperate. Well that didn't go so well so they all played together but didn't get along. So she decide to play with them an pretend they were babies. At the end they all lived an went home safe

Sandra Guerfi says

A spin off of the author's popular young readers series, this book is all about what happens when Tom asks one of his friends to babysit his pet zombie goldfish Frankie; you know the kind with the mesmerizing green eyes. His big brother's vampire kitty Fang is trying to get her claws on Frankie and Tom needs Sami to keep a close eye on Frankie. Can she do the job or will two clever adversaries prove too much for this first time sitter? Following in the footsteps of the older books this is a silly romp through the world of first time responsibility and monster pets. A definite win win for a rollicking good time.

Emma (Miss Print) says

Cute tie-in to (I think) the middle grade or maybe bridge series. A little thin on story but you know it's just funny.

Steph says

Kids who love Big Fat Zombie Goldfish will be verrrrrrrry excited that a picture book story in the series is now available!

Clare Rossetter says

A fun twist on the babysitting theme. Tom has a goldfish that needs to be watched so his brother;s cat

won't eat it. the most important thing Sami must do is keep the goldfish and the cat apart. How she deals with this is humorous and in the end she has them playing together safely. The illustrations and the story line remind me of the old Tom and Jerry cartoons. This is a fun book and can be used for discussions on problem solving, as well as inference (do they really play well together?) The colors are bright and the characters are cartoon like. Interestingly the cat's name is Fang, but the goldfish also has fangs. However, in some scenes the goldfish and the cat appear normal and no fangs are seen so it makes for an interesting insight into the personalities of these two antagonists. Kids should really enjoy this story and it would make a great read aloud.

Barbara says

This picture book introduces a younger audience to Tom, his friend Pradeep, and their zombie goldfish, Frankie. Fans of the wildly-popular series from the United Kingdom, may enjoy this one although it was too predictable for my tastes. After providing Pradeep's sister Sami with helpful goldfish-sitting tips, they entrust their finned friend to her and head off for fun. But Sami has to keep an eye out for Fang, a vampire kitten, and be sure that she doesn't come under Fang's spell. Somehow she manages to get the two of them to play well together. There are some chuckles here, but nothing to write home about. I'd have probably just left the series, intended for late elementary school readers, to stand on its own. Still, ewill be readers who will be enchanted by the possibilities inherent in Frankie and Fang being in the same space at the same time.

Teresa Edmunds says

Tom and his friend Pradeep need a sitter for their pets Frankie, the zombie fish, and Fangs, the vampire cat. Frankie and Fangs do not get along. Though both pets try to get into mischief, Pradeep's sister, Sami, is the perfect sitter for the devious duo. A fun twist on the cat vs. fish story.

Tulin says

My 3rd grade student loved this book and I thought it was genuinely funny and entertaining. I was reading it aloud to him, and other students would get drawn in by the plot. The drawings are great too - we both found them very amusing!

Lorie says

When Tom asks his best friend's sister Sami to "fishsit" his zombie goldfish Frankie, he is unsure that she can handle the responsibility especially when the vampire kitten Fang is around. Sami is diligent at first, but then is charmed by the kitten and his ability to turn on the charm makes her success in protecting Frankie in doubt. Will she be able to protect Frankie and return him safely to Tom?

The Fintastic Fishsitter is the latest title in the Big Fat Zombie Goldfish Adventure series. The humorous text and bright illustrations will appeal to kids from age 4 to 8 and makes for a fun read aloud to classes or storytime groups.

I would recommend this book for purchase to any school or public library.
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Kristin Fletcher-spear says

reviewing for school media connection. not quite sure who the book is for...
