

## **Frankie and Finn**

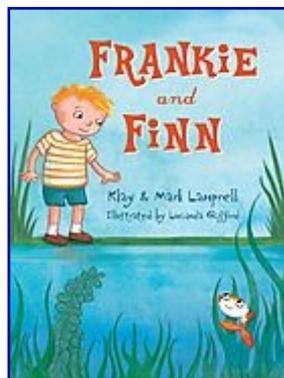
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Frankie is worried about moving house. Finn the fish is worried about the mysterious five-headed monster reaching into his pond. When these two meet, they make each other's lives a whole lot brighter. A story about discovering that different doesn't always mean scary - sometimes you just have to take a closer look.



### **Themes:**

- Discovering
- Accepting change
- Accepting differences
- Goldfish
- Perspective of others

### **Discussion Points:**

- How did Frankie react when he saw his new house?
- Have you ever moved house? If so, how did you feel about it? Did your feelings change over time? Discuss.
- How were Finn and Frankie's feelings similar?
- Why do you think the fish referred to the world outside their pond as 'the Upworld'?
- Why did the fish think that Frankie was a five headed monster with no eyes or mouth?
- Do you ever think about how we look to other animals/creatures?
- Why do you think Finn was the only one who eventually wasn't afraid of the 'monsters'?
- Discuss this phrase and how it may relate to other aspects of our daily lives: 'They're not monsters,' Finn explained to his family. 'They're just different'.
- How can we learn to be more 'open-minded' when confronted with unusual things or situations?
- The fish lived a long time. Do you know how long fish can actually live for? Does it depend on their surroundings and the type of fish they are?

### **Activities:**

- Create a diorama of the fish pond with Finn, Bubbles, Gill and their parents. Use a variety of materials and make it colourful.
- The fish all looked slightly different from each other. Pick your favourite one and paint it on cardboard. Cut it out and hang them all around the room.