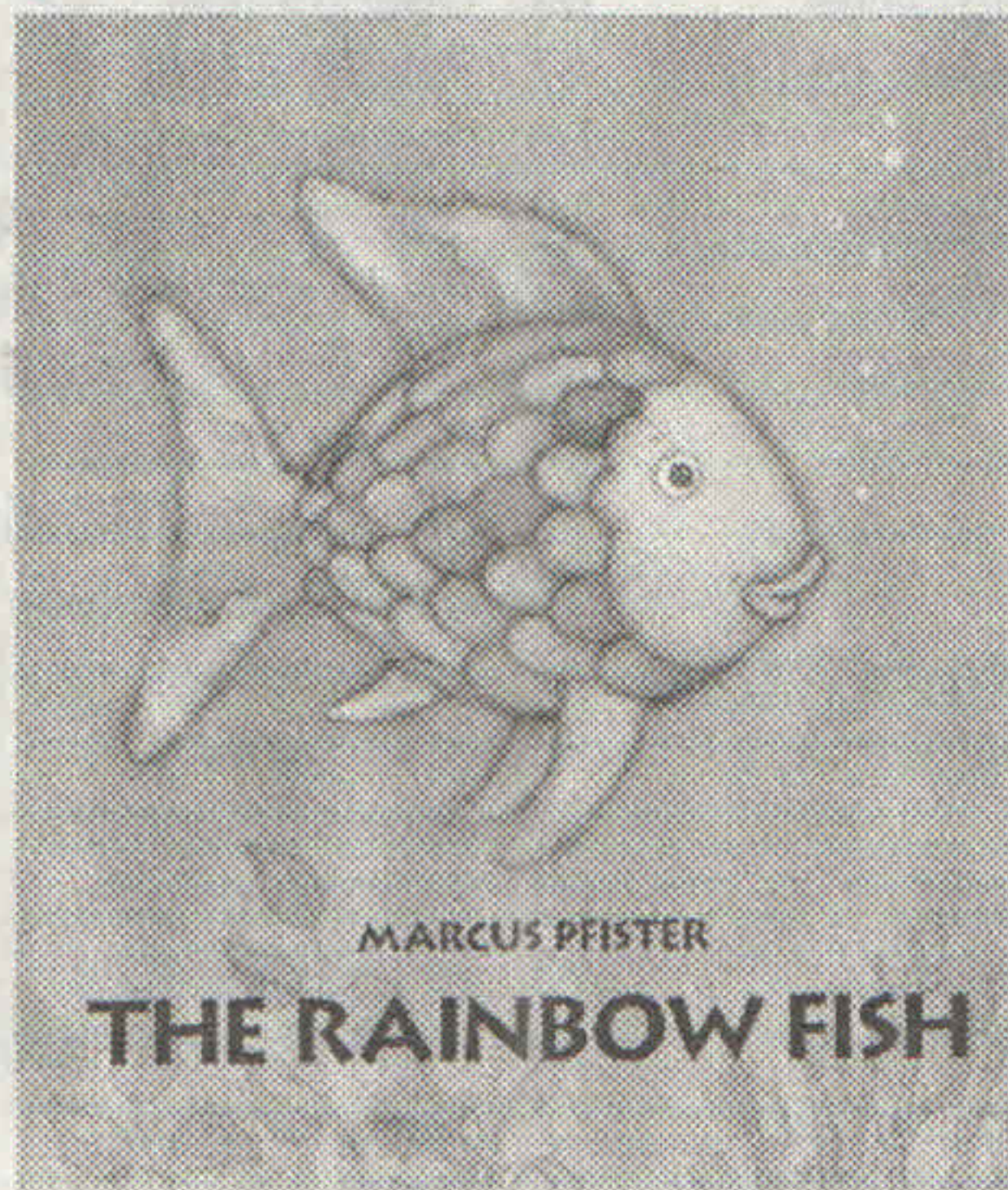




The Village
School's
**Children's Book
of the Month**



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'The Rainbow Fish'
By Marcus Pfister

I recently rediscovered this book when looking for classroom books for our kindergarten and 1st grade theme on water and ice.

"The Rainbow Fish" tells the story of "the most beautiful fish in the entire ocean," as he is introduced in the book. And he certainly is beautiful with his colorful and sparkling silver scales. He knows it, and when other fish call him to play, he remains aloof and disinterested. One day a little fish asks him to share one of his beautiful shiny scales and his response of "Get away from me!" turns all the other fish away from him. He is now not only the most beautiful but also the loneliest fish in the entire ocean. The book goes on to tell how, seeking out guidance from other sea creatures, the Rainbow Fish makes peace with himself and all the other fish.

The book is beautifully illustrated with soft, vivid water color illustrations along with inlaid silvery shimmering scales, that make the special scales stand out all the more. This simple and memorable story carries a deep message about sharing and friendship, that rings true for many life situations. This book is perfect as a read-aloud for 2- to 7-year-olds.