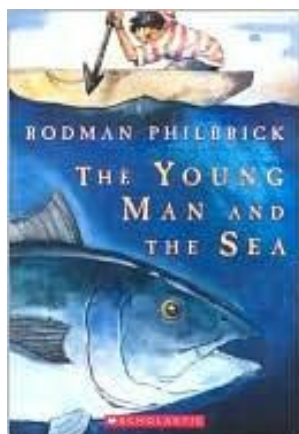


The Young Man and the Sea

By Rodman Phil BRick



"Before I tell you about the biggest fish in the sea and how it tried to kill me and then end up saving my life , first you got to know about the leaky boat, 'cause it all began right there. The great repair and the trap wars and the angel in the mist, none of it would have happened without the leaky boat."

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Twelve-year-old Samuel "Skiff" Beaman's life is falling apart. His mom just died, his boat sank, and his dad is too depressed to get off the couch. When he discovers it costs him \$5000 to repair his boat, he will do anything to get the money and save the boat. He'll even risk his life to catch the biggest fish in the sea on a tiny 10 foot boat. Will he get the money, get his dad off the couch, and restore his life back to normal? Read our student recommendations below.

★★★★★ I recommend this book for 4th and 5th graders. It's a book with a lot of action and emotions. Skiff has to take care of his dad, the leaky boat, and buying the family's food. When Skiff discovers it will cost thousands of dollars to fix the boat, he struggles to support his dad. Will he get back his normal life and save his own family?

★★★★★ This mesmerizing novel has humorous, heartwarming, sad, and suspenseful parts. I think it is very responsible that a kid takes his family's life in his own hands. I recommend this book for anybody who likes fishing or sea tales. This is a great book for anyone in 4th to 6th grade. They will love this book as much as I did because it is just like a kid their age taking a big step in their life. If you like salty sea tales, realistic fiction, suspense that wants the book to never end, CHECK THIS BOOK OUT!

★★★★★ *The Young Man and the Sea* is a one of a kind adventure at sea with plenty of suspense, fear, and joy to go around. This book is a great story overflowing with details and facts that are so clear it makes you think you are in the story. A superb novel for kids 10-12 or anyone who sees the ocean as a place full of wonder and mystery.

★★★★★ This exciting novel has a lot of humor and is very unpredictable. I recommend this book for 4th and 5th graders because they would love Skiff going on his own. It's a book that will get them all excited about Skiff's big job. It will also get them asking question after question. People who like suspense would love this book. It's full of it!