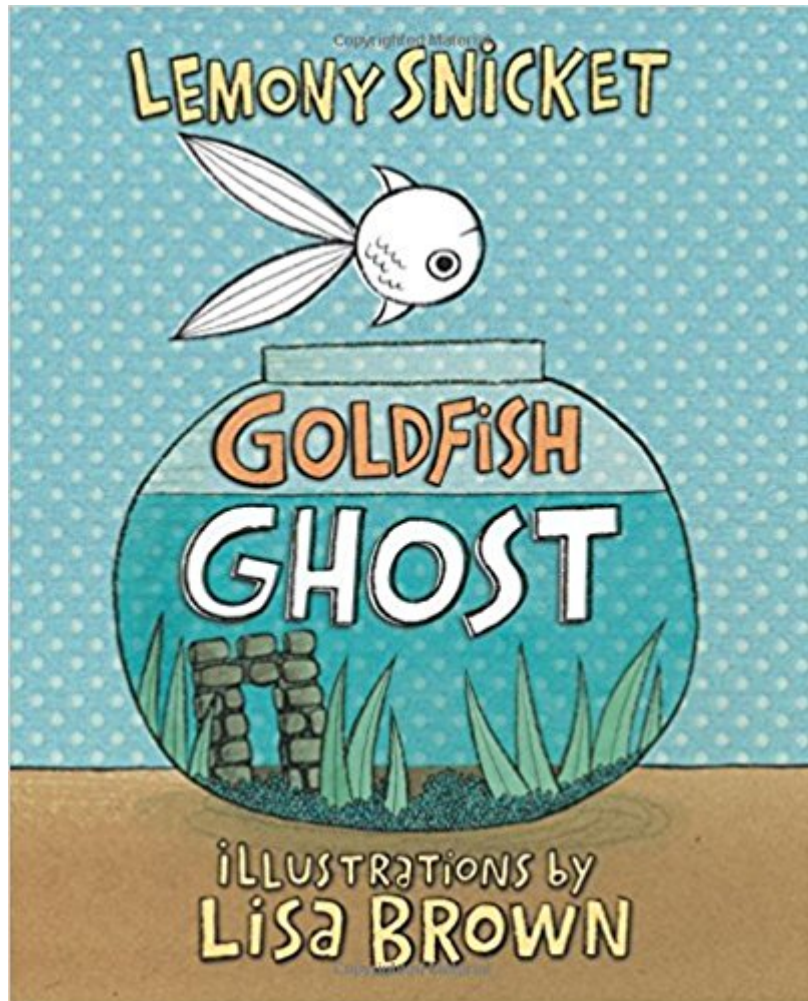




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# Goldfish Ghost



## Synopsis

Goldfish Ghost was born on the surface of the water in the bowl on a dresser in a boy's room. The boy's room was pleasant and familiar, but Goldfish Ghost wanted company, so he set out to find a friend. He floats over the neighborhood, past the pier, and let the breeze carry him into town where he discovers that not many people pay attention to goldfish ghosts. Off he floats, searching for the perfect home and the perfect friend and then he hears a voice. . . Bestselling author Lemony Snicket and illustrator Lisa Brown brings us a fresh and funny take on what happens after your favorite goldfish crosses over to the other side. A Neal Porter Book

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

"In the field of pet bereavement narratives, this one stands out for tenderness, originality, and subtlety." •Horn Book, starred review "Can a book about death and the afterlife be refreshing and funny? In the hands of Snicket and Brown, indeed it can. This oddball offering should find a welcome home in any picture book collection." •School Library Journal, starred review "Line and watercolor art gives Goldfish Ghost an unexpected robustness as he palely wafts through the steely sky, balanced by the busyness of the earthly scenes below him; he's a reassuringly homey and accessible ghost even in his un-earthly state. Like Snicket's The Dark (BCCB 6/13), this could be a way to make uncomfortable spaces friendlier; it's also a logical go-to for smaller pet death,

and adults who come to snicker will leave unexpectedly moved."âBulletin of the Center for Children's Books, starred review"A lovely, untrammelled look at a pet's afterlife."âKirkus Reviews"Don't expect this ghost story to slip by unnoticed."âBooklist"Goldfish Ghost is an enigmatic heroâis he lonely, or just fussy?âbut Snicket's portrayal of the lighthouse keeper's intuitive kindness and Brown's subdued, moonlit landscapes resolve the story with moments of magic."âPublishers Weekly

Lemony Snicket is the author of far too many books for children, including *The Dark*, which won the Charlotte Zolotow Award, and *13 Words*, which didn't. Despite his best efforts, his series *All The Wrong Questions* and *A Series of Unfortunate Events* have allegedly sold more than 70 million copies and been translated into thirty-nine languages. Lisa Brown is the New York Times--bestselling author/illustrator of a number of books for young readers. Recently, she illustrated the critically acclaimed *Emily's Blue Period* and *The Airport Book* for Roaring Brook Press. She lives in San Francisco with her husband, Daniel Handler, and their son. *Goldfish Ghost* is Lisa's second book for Roaring Brook Press.

A lovely way to treat the death of a pet as a kind of life everlasting.

Those avid out there, remember that this book is very short.

This was a very sweet way of honoring all the dead goldfish out there in the world. I was never a pet owner myself, so have zero experience in owning a pet and what it takes to have and care for one. However, my understanding is that for whatever reason, goldfish never seem able to survive long enough in anyone's household, so I'm not sure why they continue to buy them as pets. That being said, this was very un-Lemony Snicket in my opinion, because of its sweetness, but also its straightforwardness. I'm used to Lemony Snicket sarcasm and digression when telling a story. The only reason I gave this 4 stars was because I couldn't really find Lemony Snicket's voice in there. Of course this is a children's book, and so it has to be short and to the point, but I still couldn't really feel his presence. Otherwise, this is a great book to read to children, especially those who have pets. I liked the idea of the ghost of the goldfish journeying to find company, something we all long for, dead or alive.

Thanks to the publisher for providing me with a galley of this copy for review - all opinions are my

own. As a parent of 3 children, and owner and past owner of countless pets owned by these children, I found this story to be oddly charming and so so appropriate for opening up discussions about the loss of a pet. It is a very quirky book and is very "Lemony Snicket-ish" in its darker subject matter. My 11 YO gives this 5 stars and my 5 year old gave it 10 stars. As a school librarian, I will be reading this book to classes and having discussions about where the "ghost" came from and the theme of the story.

This was pure Snicket/Brown bizarreness. I love the clever main character and the sweet, silly ending. The art is perfect even without the words. This doesn't fit the traditional modern picture book model (a compliment to the creators, I'm sure) but it is fun in an Edward Gorey way. As long as the buyer knows what he's getting into, this book is sure to delight.

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