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Splat does not want to have a playdate with Spike. Spike will break his toys and eat all of his candy fish! And he does not want to learn how to swim—water is horrible, scary, and wet! He's sure that this is going to be the worst day ever. But when the rest of their classmates rush straight into the pool, Splat and Spike find that they may have more in common than they thought. Will Splat overcome his fear of water and get into the pool? And how can he help Spike to do the same?

## **Splish, Splash, Splat! Details**

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## **From Reader Review *Splish, Splash, Splat!* for online ebook**

### **Nasima Begum says**

Splat's day from the beginning was not turning out good. From having a bath, as he hates water to a play date after school with Spike who teases him and does everything better than him. Splat's day gets worse when he is told he will have to go swimming. Everyone else goes into the pool one by one but Spike and Splat are left. Spike keeps making excuses to why he hasn't gone into the pool yet. Splat finally admits he hates water and he is scared and finally Spike admits he is just as scared. However, Splat comes up with the idea of using their favourite candy, Candy Fish to trick Spike into the pool. Spike realises the water is not so bad, which then encourages Splat to go into the pool. The story is a good read for early years. It can show that you can eventually overcome your fears and you don't have to do it alone. I think it'll help children become more courageous if the moral of the story is that you can eventually overcome your fears. Good read for children!

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### **Adam Nickson says**

Scarlett aged 6 \*\*\*\*\*

Poppy aged 4 \*\*\*\*\*

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### **Kayla Edwards says**

This one is a cute story that offers lessons on showing kindness to others, sharing, and conquering your fears. Lots of humor and illustrations that the kids love.

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### **Kristen Dutkiewicz says**

While I appreciated the concept of both Splat and Spike overcoming their fear and getting into the pool, I did not love the name calling of “loser” in the book.

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### **Ariana says**

Splat doesn't like Spike—he eats all his candy fish and plays with his toys until they break—and he also doesn't like water—it's scary, wet and makes him soggy. Splat is not happy when he has to have a play date with Spike and learn to swim on the same day. However, things turn out to be better when Splat and Spike bond over their fear of water and learn to get over it together and eventually become friends. The illustrations are made in mixed media. They are quirky and fun and match the humour of the story perfectly. Scotton uses frames in a very interesting way. Images would sometimes have very strong frames in a black line and a detailed background inside the frame, but part of the image would always seem to escape outside the frame: a tail, a paw, a leg, a nose, a candy fish. It breaks the clear, clean, strong frame in a playful way that adds

and matches the story. Other images have no frames at all and little to no background. These sometimes were combined in the same page to convey animation or sudden action, almost like panels in a comic without the frames. Other times, he would use bleed for dramatic effect on the more dynamic images. This is a great book for talking about tolerance and not judging a person too quickly.

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### **Diana (Bever) Barber says**

My first Splat book, and not at all what I expected. Story at the beginning: this is rather cute. Story by the end: that was too "cutesy" for my taste. It was good enough for three stars, but even my seven-year old was bored by the middle of it. He walked away. It leaves me wondering if I'll try any other Splat books.

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### **MeatballBen says**

It was great. Splat is a cat. And he hates taking baths, he doesn't like getting wet or soggy. But then he takes swimming lessons. He is the last one in. He dreams of gummy-fish. At the end he likes the water.

I like the pictures because they were cool. I like them because they were nice. The gummy bears were funny.

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### **Stephanie says**

3.5

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### **Lakeira King says**

I love all the Splat books! I love the Illustrations as well! Splat overcame his fear of water/swimming. You can do a writing activity where the students can write or draw a picture about a fear they overcame.

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### **Erin says**

Adorable illustrations and a nice lesson about feeling fearful. My 4 yo. likes the Splat stories and they always spark discussion, which is a win in my book!

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### **Derek Cooke says**

The book started out with Splat dreaming of candy fish. He tries to get them and that is about the time his mom wakes him up. Splat is told to go take a bath and cleanup for school, and after he got caught trying to skip the bath, his mom makes him get in the tub. This is where we first find out Splat doesn't like the water, he in fact is afraid of it. While in the bath, Splat's mom shocks him with the announcement that today he is

going to learn to swim at school. Before Splat could react to that, his mom drops another shocker on him; Spike is coming over for playtime. Splat is beside himself, Spike is the bully cat that eats all of Splat's candy fish and breaks his toys. What a rotten day Splat is going to have. As he is walking to school, Spike rides by on his bike and splashes Splat with water from a puddle. At school, Mrs. Wimpydimple told the class that they were getting in the pool, and only the weird cat Plank was happy. Eventually every cat gets into the pool, except for Splat and Spike. Spike keeps running back for more floaties and animal rings, goggles and snorkels until there wasn't anything else to put on. Both Splat and Spike kind of freak out when Mrs. Wimpydimple tells them to get into the pool, and that's when they learn that both of them were afraid of the water. Splat uses a fishing line and candy fish to trick Spike into the water, and eventually Splat gets the courage up to get into the pool himself. They realize that it isn't as bad as they thought it was. The two of them play in the pool together, and after school play at Splat's house. Spike only eats some of Splat's candy fish, and only breaks one of the toys. In the end they became friends.

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### **Misty (Reds Romance Reviews) says**

Another great read about Splat, we loved it!!

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### **Laura says**

I'm not a fan. It started out cute, but then it just felt crude and poorly executed.

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### **Ryan says**

Splat hates baths and now he has to learn to swim. Oh the horror. Plus his mom has arranged a play date with Spike. But spike is mean, will eat all Splat's candy, and break all Splat's toys. Maybe these two water fearing cats can find common ground.

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### **Dolly says**

I've never been a huge fan of Splat the Cat, but our girls love these books. The cat is adorable and the stories have some innocent charm, but I was frustrated by the seemingly vapid churning out of books in order to capitalize on a popular character. There have been eight books published in the last year or so and many of them weren't even written by Rob Scotton. I was not impressed.

But when we borrowed this book from the library, I was pleasantly surprised to see Mr. Scotton as the true author and not just the creator the series. The story was fairly entertaining and the illustrations are as cute as ever. It has a good message about overcoming a fear of the water and showing that learning how to swim is fun. I'm still not the biggest fan of poor Splat, but our girls really like him a lot. We enjoyed reading this story together.

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