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It's market day in Barra de Navidad. Izzy and Patti discover a beautiful glass dolphin that Izzy wants more than anything. Unfortunately, it disappears before she can buy it.

Even more unfortunate? It later reappears in Izzy's bag. Izzy can't believe the trouble she's in!

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Katie Harder-schauer says

This book reminded me of The Babysitter's Little Sister books that I loved when I was younger, although it would be better described as Babysitter's Little Sister meets Dora the Explorer because it's set in Mexico and uses some Spanish phrases. It's obviously targeted towards an audience much younger than myself, so it was a fairly quick read for me.

Things that I liked about this book as a parent:

First is the font size. It's large and easy to read for both young readers and people with poor eyesight. Second is the lessons taught in the book, and there are a few. This book shows that honesty is the best policy and that just because people look different than you or live somewhere else doesn't mean that they're really all that different on the inside.

Third is the Spanish phrases. I liked their incorporation and that most of the time they were followed by the English translation. I also liked the "Say it in Spanish" section at the back of the book that lists all the phrases used and their English translation.

And finally, I liked the information provided in the back of the book about Mexico, their money, and what they eat there. And I fully intend to try the recipe for "Enchiladas de Patti" that is provided.

This is a series that I would have no problem giving to my son or daughter to read (although it would probably appeal more to girls since the main character is a girl).

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Sara Smith says

I received a free copy of this book through the Goodreads First Reads program.

What I liked the most about this book was that it had a lot of Spanish phrases throughout the book. My older daughter has been interested in learning Spanish so I think she will really like this book when I share it with her. I also liked the illustrations throughout the book since my youngest gets bored when she has no pictures to look at. The book also has a lot of related extras such as: information about Mexico, list of common Spanish words and translations, room to write plans for a trip to Mexico, etc... It's educational while still staying interesting.

My only concern about this book is that it starts with a bad dream which might seem a little scary to some younger readers. It's recommended for ages 6-9 on the back of the book. I really liked this book and already ordered book #1 in the series for my kids to read as well.

Donna says

This is an adventure book for children from 6-9 years old will love.

It's about Izzy and Pattie who discover a glass dolphin in Izzy's bag. How did it get there? Izzy would like to keep it, but the owner of the stand she saw it at in Barra de Navidad, Mexico says that she stole it. No way, no how. But she is forced to give it back. But how did it get there?

Read this tale and find out. Kids will love this book.

I won this book through the Good Reads books giveaway.