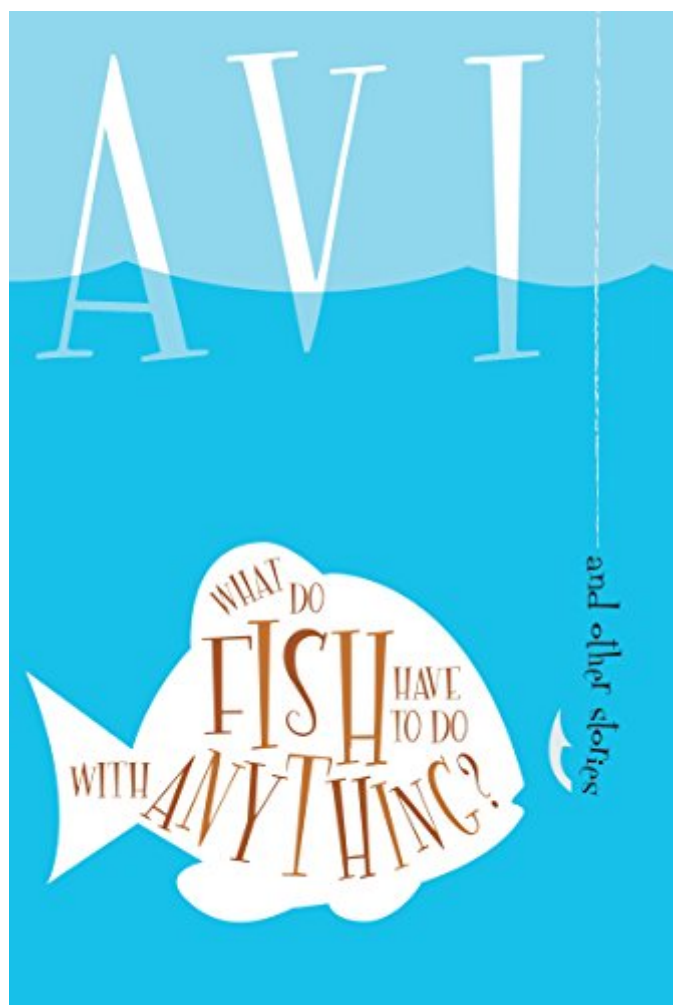




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# What Do Fish Have To Do With Anything?: And Other Stories



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This is an amazing book it has a lot of twists but if you don't like short stories then it might not be for you but let me say you are missing out!!!!!! I don't like short stories but this book is awesome

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I haven't read the whole book, but my daughter has. Thank you, Avi, for introducing my child to literature. This is the book that made the difference for her. (For those of us who love to read, we have all had that book, haven't we?) At eight, she still struggles with her reading, but now at least she seems to understand that it is something worth struggling for. This is something that you can try to explain, but it seems that kids must discover this for themselves. Much gratitude that there are authors like Avi working today that still have the audacity to write literature for young children. It has truly made a difference in her life.

Best books ever Written!

I have been looking for some short stories for read alouds in my fourth grade classroom. This is great! The kids already love the author from the Poppy series.

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Even though the age range for this book is grades 5-8, Avi has written a collection of short stories that can be enjoyed by students of any age, up to and including high school. From the boy who wants to express his feelings to his parents, but needs them to be "captive" at a restaurant in order to make that happen, to the boy who asks questions with no answers, the characters in this collection are likable, searching, and very much wanting to do the right thing. I would highly recommend this book to English teachers who may be looking for a book of short stories to recommend to their students.

In *What Do Fish Have To Do With Anything?: And Other Stories*, you always learn your lesson. From kindness to caring, Avi tells 7 tales of mystery and friendship. This book is funny and suspenseful, you never know what will happen next. While you're reading this book, you can tell how the characters are feeling at all times. If I had written this book, nothing would be changed. I recommend this book to children ages 10-13. Remember, like the stranger across the street said, you always need more than what they say.

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