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Book Tip Sheet

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Coco, the Fish with Hands

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Coco is a handfish! Read along and learn all about her lifestyle and habitat. Your child might never have heard of a handfish before, but they can still enjoy Coco's adventures. After reading they can share what they know about handfish with other people!



BEFORE READING...

- ▶ Find a quiet place to sit and share this story.
- ▶ Let your child hold the book, feel the cover and the pages.
- ▶ Look at the cover and ask your child "What type of animal is Coco?" Talk about common features of fish, for example they live in water, have fins, have scales.



WHILE READING...

- ▶ Point at Coco's name on the cover and ask your child if they know what letter it starts with. Help them trace the shape of the letter C. Help them find more letter Cs throughout the book.
- ▶ You can read the story with the "Fact!" sections included, or skip over them, or go back to read them all after reading the story. See what your child prefers.



AFTER READING...

- ▶ Turn back through the pages and ask your child to retell the story using the pictures to help them.
- ▶ Turn to the babies hatching page and ask your child why they think Coco is dancing for joy. Do a little happy dance with your child before finishing the book.



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