

**50 WAYS TO SEE**

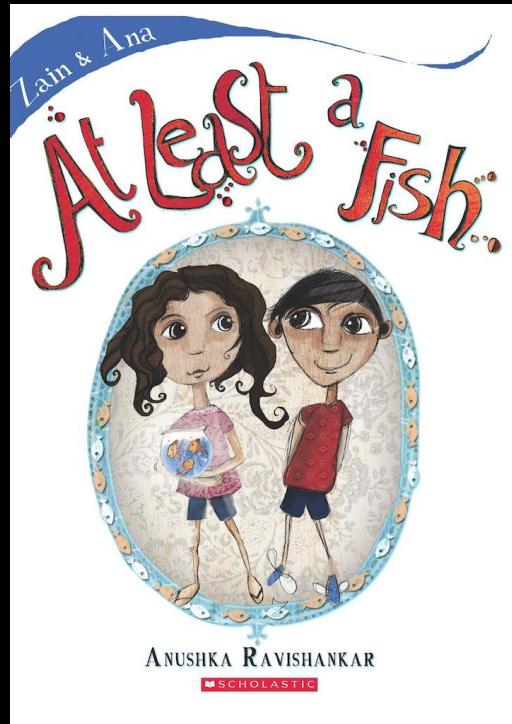




A FISH!

# Why a fish?

- I remember growing up. I constantly begged my parents for a pet. At the age of 9 I was gifted a couple of fish in a fish tank. Unfortunately I did NOT see this coming, and was extremely disappointed. (**it was not the pet I had in mind**)  
But I owned fish (in a bowl, tank and a pond through my childhood years)
- I finally own a cat now (it's been 8 years!) and as a joke we call him fish
- I am a Pisces
- My hometown is a coastal region in India– and we're best known for our fish fry and fish curry
- I also have a tattoo of fish



# Common Phrases

- “Drink like a fish”



When you're single and people tell you there are plenty of fish in the sea, these are the fish



- “Plenty of Fish in the sea”

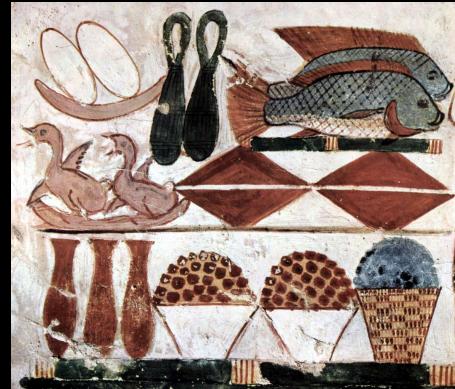


- “Fishing for attention”

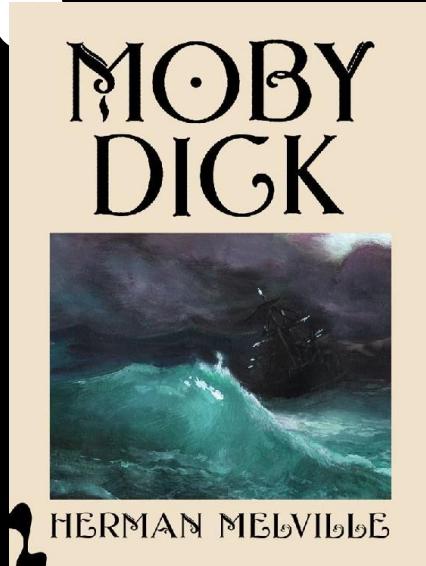
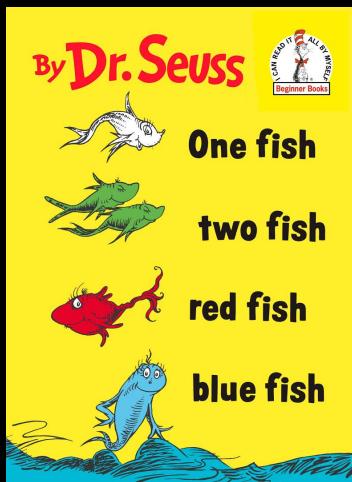
# Cultural Symbols/Us

e

- Māori hook
- Egyptian fish paintings
- Poseidon
- Italian 7 fishes tradition
- Incan fish carving
- Sushi/Sashimi
- Bengali bride Fish-seeing tradition
- Japanese carp windsock
- 8 auspicious symbols of Buddhism
- Ichthys (Christianity)
- Celtic Salmon
- Mermaids
- Caviar
- Fish & Chips



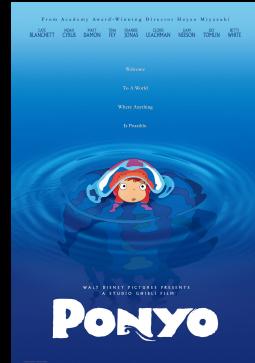
# Literature + more

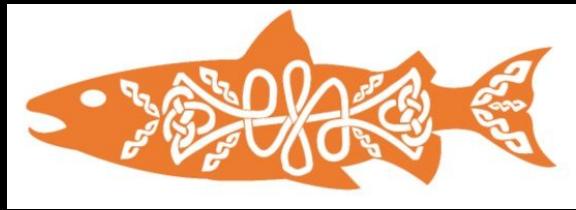


(Even though, whale & dolphins are not fish we often consider them as one)

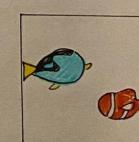
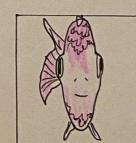
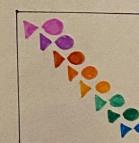
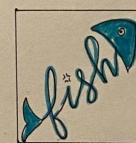
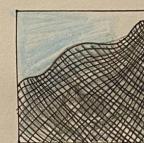
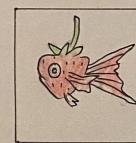
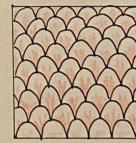
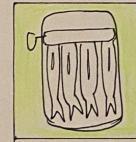
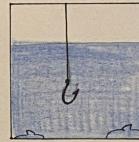
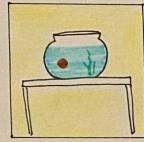
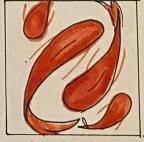
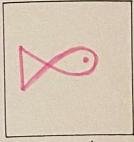


"Symphony" meme

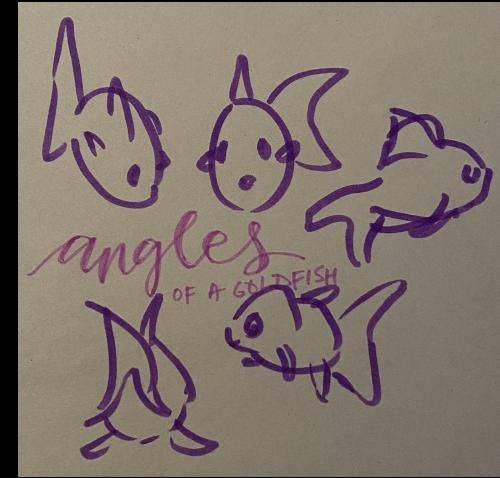
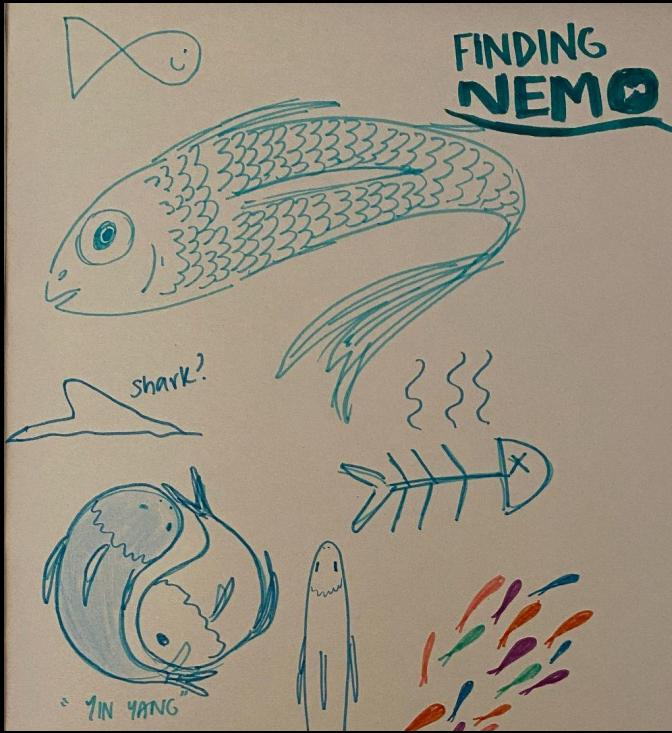
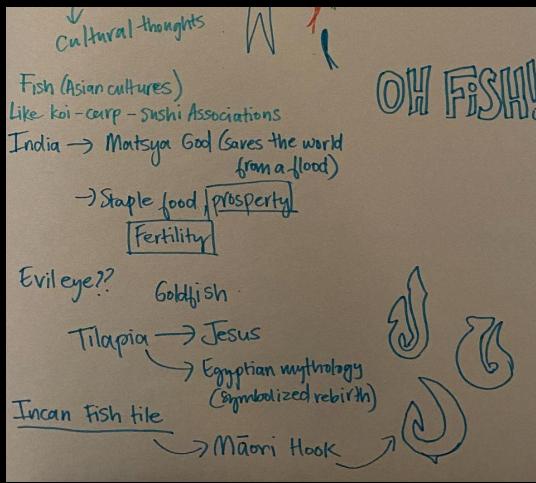




# On paper



# More:



# Reflection

“Fish” has been a recurring motif in my life, showing up in ways both personal and cultural. My earliest connection with fish comes from the Indian children’s book “At Least a Fish”, a story that resonated with my childhood longing for a pet. When I was finally gifted a fish bowl at nine, my excitement quickly faded into disappointment—it wasn’t the kind of pet I had hoped for. Yet, fish became an unexpected constant in my upbringing, moving from bowls to tanks to our garden pond, they had been a constant for about 6 years of my life.

This exploration of fish as an object allowed me to tap into both memory and imagination. My interpretations varied from deeply personal—such as my cat’s ironic nickname, “Fish”—to cultural connections rooted in my coastal hometown in India, where the fish curry and fry are a must try. I am a Pisces zodiac sign and further cement the significance of the symbolisms of fish in my life.

While visually representing fish, I experimented with abstraction, geometric forms, meanings and everyday sightings/patterns. The process involved not only reflecting on my personal ties to fish but also expanding my perspective to broader cultural, mythological, and environmental narratives (outside of those I already knew of). This iterative exploration helped me find new and diverse meanings in something that has always been so familiar.