

WRITING

Wentworth

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TYPE

FANTASY/SCIFI

GENRE

GRADE 12

Wentworth is an endearing character, resembling a short, chubby shark standing on shark-like legs with big, wide eyes and an “I ?? Tomatoes” T-shirt. Despite his intimidating appearance, he exudes childlike innocence and kindness, always eager to share and promote love and kindness. He’s a bit clueless about what’s happening most of the time, but makes up for it with his generous spirit and simple wisdom. Wentworth enjoys blowing bubbles, riding bicycles, and attempting to cook, although he’s a bit clumsy in the kitchen. Despite his habit of talking with his mouth open and occasionally spitting food, he’s quick to apologize and clean up. He lives in a fish tank but loves venturing onto land for activities like grocery shopping and biking. Wentworth’s special talents include breathing both underwater and on land, communicating with sea life and humans alike, and performing impressive acrobatics, like backflips and cartwheels. We met during a moment of vulnerability, when he jumped out of his tank to offer

me companionship and advice during a rough patch. Now, we enjoy baking tomato-based recipes, cycling adventures, evening walks, and the occasional journaling session together. Wentworth has become not just a friend, but a cherished companion who brings joy and laughter into my life.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

With Paramount Pictures' latest film *IF* as inspiration, children around the nation put pens to paper to bring their imaginary friends to life through writing. Together, 826 and Paramount Pictures published three books of youth writing inspired by the upcoming film, starring John Krasinski, Ryan Reynolds, Cailey Fleming, Louis Gossett Jr., Jon Stewart, Awkwafina, Maya Rudolph, and Steve Carell.

See the lesson that inspired the writing [here](#). Learn more about the project [here](#).