

WRITING

Crawfish

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TYPE

FANTASY/SCIFI

GENRE

GRADES 4-5

There was a crawfish I met at the crawfish boil at the park. It literally jumped out of the bag, and I saved it. It didn't die. That was the beginning of my friendship with my IF, simply named Crawfish. The next day, he was at my house watching me sleep. He wears a hard red juicy shell and is edible. He has a lot of good seasoning, too, but we don't talk about that because of course I wouldn't ever eat Crawfish.

My IF lives in the sea when he's not with me. He crawls and swims to get around, and he doesn't move very fast. He can talk, but only I can hear. He loves my friends and family, but I don't think they can see him. He never leaves my side, and he's always protecting me. He's my hero. He loves to swim in butter and water. If he's not super careful and gets too excited, he bites. He doesn't mean it. Once he bit me, but he apologized. I forgave him. I guess it's the crawfish way. Every now and then when it happens, I get pretty furious because it hurts a little, but usually

he is really loving, and we are best friends.

Our only disagreement is that I still like to eat other crawfish from time to time. It's just a part of the culture in New Orleans. It makes my IF sad, though. As much as I love my IF, I eat my crawfish anyway in private. I dip it right in butter.

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](#).