

Hereville: How Mirka Caught a Fish

By Barry Deutsch

Grade Levels:

- Grades 4-7

Synopsis:

- In the 3rd book in the Hereville series, Mirka just wants to find adventures, but instead she's stuck babysitting her little sister, Layele. When Mirka gets angry and pushes her sister into a stream, they meet a magic fish. This magic fish is angry and it's out for revenge. Will Mirka save the day or will the magic fish get revenge?

Author Website:

- [Hereville Website](#)

Curricular Connections:

- Fantasy/Supernatural
- Family
- Sisters
- Babysitting
- Jewish conduct of life
- Women Heroes
- Graphic novels

Lesson Ideas:

- Character study- How does Mirka respond to the challenges in the story? Discuss how Mirka changes in the story. Students will use a graphic organizer to analyze the problem and solution, character traits and how she changes throughout the story.
- Fantasy genre – identify the elements of the fantasy genre. Compare *Hereville: How Mirka caught a Fish* with the elements of fantasy. Discuss what makes it a fantasy.
- Research Women Heroes (March – Women's History Month) use the book as a discussion starter on women heroes. Have students research women heroes such as Amelia Earhart etc.

Suggested Companion Titles:

- *Hereville: How Mirka got her Sword*
- *Hereville: How Mirka met a meteorite*

Professional Reviews:

- *Horn Book Guide* starred (04/01/16)
- *Horn Book Magazine* starred (11/01/15)
- *School Library Journal* (01/01/16)