

A Rippling, Literary Voyage for Children, Parents and Grandparents

More than just a wild fish tale for children, Paolo Mazzucato's "AJ and the Incredible Fish" is a cross-generational story takes its young protagonist and his Grandpa on a relevant journey of hopes and dreams, doubts and danger.



Los Angeles, California Nov 15, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Paolo Mazzucato, author of several children's books and the Early YA novel, *The Gondoliers: The Secret Journals of Fanticulous Glim*, dives into fantasy/adventure once again with the release of *AJ and the Incredible Fish*. The story, while sailing into a wild and whimsical world, is rooted, nonetheless, in the very real relationship between young AJ and his eccentric Grandfather who opens his grandson's eyes to all the wonders that await when you take a first brave step in life to explore new horizons. The book is available at bookstores including [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), [Barnes & Noble](https://www.barnesandnoble.com) and [BepiBooks.com](https://www.bepibooks.com)

AJ and the Incredible Fish unfolds against a breezy backdrop of imagination—from fanciful tropical islands to sprawling desert landscapes and the far edges of the ocean and earth. Mazzucato explains: "With a nod to classic adventures like *Gulliver's Travels* and *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, AJ's journey is both a flight of fancy and a reflection of his personal passage from doubt to trust. As stated by Jed Doherty, host of the *Reading With Your Kids Podcast*, "[It's] a perfect book for a grandfather to read with their grandkids. You could be the one that ignites a dream in a kid."

Kirkus Reviews calls it "a delightfully bizarre narrative," noting that "Mazzucato layers this tale with abundant humor...[and] skillfully blends outlandish imagery and unexpected details." The US Review of Books, states that "Mazzucato unquestionably excels at storytelling, creating an entirely new world of fun and crazy characters, imaginative places, and zany inventions. The action never ceases or even slows down throughout these roughly 300 pages of literary delight. ...Epic in nature, this swashbuckling tale of a boy and his young friend sailing the seas with Grandpa, encountering all kinds of larger-than-life characters, seems reminiscent of a summer blockbuster feature film, where one can easily imagine children of all ages flocking to the movies with parents and grandparents happily along for the ride. Ultimately, this is an exhilarating read."

For more information about AJ and the Incredible Fish visit www.bepibooks.com

About Author

Paolo Mazzucato is an American fiction author and screenwriter. He began his writing career as a Chicago playwright and award-winning student filmmaker before moving to Los Angeles where he scripted various projects for film and television in addition to writing several children's books including *No One Mocks a Panda* (an Amazon #1 Best Seller, Feb. 2019), and *The absolutely true story of La Befana*, (a 2023 holiday Top 100 available in both English and Italian language editions). He is also the author of the fantasy-adventure novels, *The Gondoliers: The Secret Journals of Fanticulous Glim* and *AJ and the Incredible Fish*, both "recommended" by the US Review of Books. For more information on the author visit www.writer.mazzucato.org





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