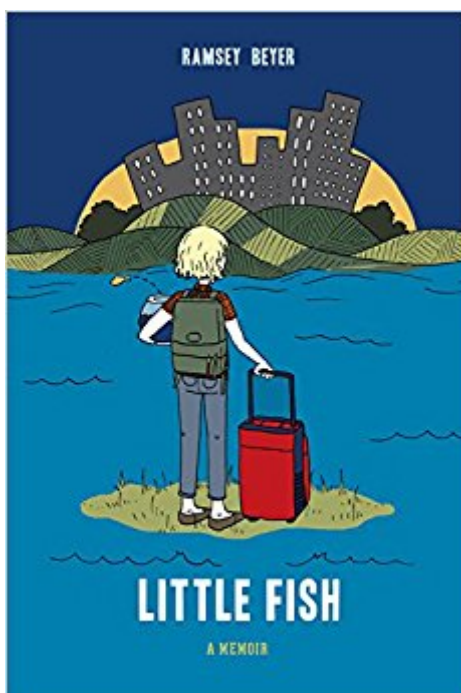


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# Little Fish: A Memoir



## Synopsis

Told through real-life journals, collages, lists, and drawings, this coming-of-age story illustrates the transformation of an eighteen-year-old girl from a small-town teenager into an independent, city-dwelling college student. Written in an autobiographical style with beautiful artwork, *Little Fish* shows the challenges of being a young person facing the world on your own for the very first time and the unease - as well as excitement - that comes along with that challenge.

## Customer Reviews

At the beginning of Beyer's graphic memoir, she is indeed a big fish in a small pond. A thoughtful, sensitive, well-rounded kid from the tiny, little farm town of Paw-Paw, Michigan, she spends her time with friends playing hockey, rocking out in her garage band, and practicing her art. But when college rolls around, she embraces change, heads for the big city, and attends art school in Baltimore. Young Ramsey is immediately stricken by the overwhelming amount of work she must complete in her first year while battling her ideological disagreements with the institution of art school, loneliness while growing apart from her Michigan friends, and homesickness. Beyer's debut captures her introspection with earnest, appealing black-and-white panels, which chronicle her new adventures with display maps and floor plans and provide a welcome visual break from the typewriter print of her online Livejournal lists and blog posts. Wary college-bound students will find comfort in this sincere and endearing look at freshman year. Grades 8-12. --Courtney Jones

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