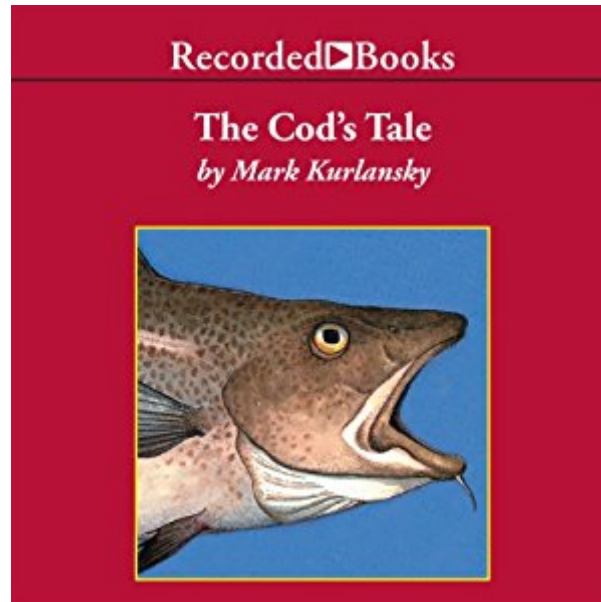




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The Cod's Tale



Synopsis

The cod is a large, ugly fish that spends its life with its big mouth wide open for food. For centuries, so many cod lived in the Atlantic Ocean they couldn't swim without bumping into each other. They were so plentiful that they became the most important fish in many cultures. Best-selling author Mark Kurlansky brings history to life with this entertaining story of how a single fish changed the world.

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Customer Reviews

Terrific book filled with so much information about the history of cod fishing in America, and the importance of cod to our lives.

Great book for the younger and older reader alike,

Who knew a book about cod could be so interesting? My 6-year-old history-loving homeschooled daughter checked out a suitcase kit from the library, stuffed with books about the American Revolution. This one was in there, and it turned out to be our favorite, though we'd never have chosen it on our own. I ended up buying us a copy--and "The Story of Salt" by the same author. We both loved how much we learned about history--and how it was all tied to cod. Fascinating.

I wish schools would consider dropping textbooks, and adding great non-fiction reads like this one. The information is so meaningful. Also, it got me to the store trying salted cod. Nice dish served in a cream sauce over potatoes. I will be using this book a lot in my fifth grade social studies class.

Illustrated by one of my favorite illustrators, S.D. Schindler, this is an awesome book for kids- around end of third grade and up is the best age, I think. As Kurlansky does in his adult version of this book and other books, he picks a subject and travels with it through history, sharing interesting facts along the way..I highly recommend this book. Schindler's illustrations take what could have been a little dry for kids, and turns it into great fun. I'm a children's librarian and the kids always respond well to this one.

I have spent the last several months reading books about the Age of Exploration to my eight year old son. "The Cod's Tale" fits nicely into our studies. When studying history, it is very easy to forget the economic underpinnings that drive World History. Without the abundant Cod fish, the economic development of the United States would have happened a lot slower pace. "The Cod's Tale" does a great job of introducing young children to the importance of economics in driving history. Highly recommended.

This is the children's version (intermediate grades -- 3rd through 6th) of Mark Kurlansky's adult non-fiction book. A very informative and interesting book that gives tremendous insight into how the cod fish shaped modern history. (His children's book, Salt, is another great read!) I would definitely recommend this book.

I was hoping for a book for an 11 year old, (I read the full version and loved it), Luckily I have an 8 year old who might like it (though I wish I bought it last year)

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