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BOB THE VAMPIRE SNAIL

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Bob was just a regular snail—that is, until one fateful night that caused him to become a . . . vampire?!

Did you know all snails are named Bob? It's a fact! And this is the story of one of those Bobs and the night his life changed forever. First, he heard a **SCREAM** . . .

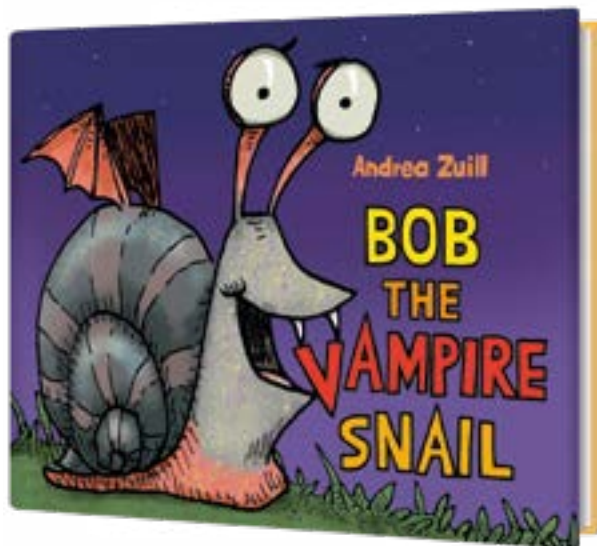
then a **CRACK** . . . and then he felt a **DRIP DRIP DRIP** . . . and then, **POOF!**

Fangs? Check. No reflection? Check. Wings? You bet.

And so Bob, now very different from all the other Bobs,

sets out to live life as a vampire snail, discovering his knack for sleeping upside down and his taste for tomatoes. He's alone in his vampire-ness, until one day Bob meets someone very similar . . .

Hilarious and heartwarming, this is a story about individuality, friendship, and tomatoes, as only beloved creator Andrea Zuill can tell it.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrea Zuill is the author-illustrator of *Gustav Is Missing!*, a Barnes & Noble Best Book of the Year and an Indie Next Selection; *Sweetie*, a *Booklist* Best Book of the Year; and *Wolf Camp*, a Children's Choice Award finalist. Andrea is the illustrator of *Dog vs. Strawberry* by Nelly Buchet, which received three starred reviews; *Donut* by Laura Gehl, a Dolly Parton's Imagination Library selection; and *Cat Dog Dog* by Nelly Buchet, winner of the Irma Black Award for Excellence in Children's Literature. Her work has been exhibited in galleries in California, Texas, and New York. Visit her online at andreazuill.org or on Instagram at [@azuillmonkey](https://www.instagram.com/azuillmonkey).



CHARACTERS

- **NARRATOR 1**
- **NARRATOR 2**
- **INTERRUPTING BUG**
- **BOB THE VAMPIRE SNAIL**
- **BOB 2**
- **BOB 3**
- **BOB 4**
- **ANIMAL 1**
- **ANIMAL 2**
- **ANIMAL 3**
- **VAMPIRE WORM**



SCRIPT

NARRATOR 1: Did you know that all snails are named Bob? It's true! They feel that having the same name helps keep their lives simple.

NARRATOR 2: Snails like a straightforward, bland, uncomplicated life. They take to heart that they are not the life of the party, which, by the way, they wouldn't go to even if they were invited.

INTERRUPTING BUG: Excuse me! I don't know where the creator of this book gets their information, but none of this is true.

NARRATOR 1: This book is about one of those ordinary snails named Bob and the night his life changed forever.

NARRATOR 2: Bob heard a terrifying SCREAM. Then a STOMP, STOMP, STOMP of running feet. Next came an uncomfortable CRACK. An icky DRIP. Then finally a powerful POOF!

NARRATOR 1: At first Bob thought this was the end . . . but it wasn't. He was ALIVE!

BOB: I'M ALIVE!

NARRATOR 1: Bob was beginning to feel a touch of confidence, an itch of craftiness, and, the most dangerous of all, a dollop of invincibility.

NARRATOR 2: Bob sought help from the other Bobs, but they wanted nothing to do with him.

BOB: Say, could I get a little help?

BOB 2: He seems so complicated.

BOB 3: Are those fangs?

BOB 4: GASP!



INTERRUPTING BUG: If you're ever in trouble, snails should never be the first choice when seeking help.

NARRATOR 2: Bob wondered if he looked different on the outside too, just like he felt inside, so he peeked into a puddle to see his reflection.

BOB: Hey! Where did my reflection go?!

INTERRUPTING BUG: Legend says that vampires don't have a reflection. Anyone who's watched a vampire movie or read a vampire book would know this.

NARRATOR 1: Bob then realized he was STARVING! So he went straight for his favorite food.

BOB: UGH! BLAH! Horrible!

NARRATOR 2: There was also another problem. Bob couldn't chew. It had always come so naturally to him, but his FANGS were getting in the way!

INTERRUPTING BUG: Snails have thousands of microscopic teeth, called radulae. They are definitely not known for having fangs.

NARRATOR 1: Bob continued to search for something to eat. He even tried some less traditional options.

BOB: Nothing tastes good, and it's really hard to chew with these things!

NARRATOR 2: Bob was so overwhelmed that he almost didn't notice there was something else new!

BOB: I CAN FLY!!! BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAH!!!

NARRATOR 1: Flying was fun, but it made Bob even more tired, and the sun was starting to beat down on him.

BOB: That was great, but now I need to find someplace dark to sleep.

NARRATOR 2: It took Bob a while to get comfortable, but he finally managed to get to sleep.

INTERRUPTING BUG: Vampires like to sleep hanging upside down like a bat, or in a coffin.

NARRATOR 1: As night fell, Bob woke up and continued his search for food. He finally spotted something very interesting.

BOB: What is this? They are beautiful red, and look really delicious. I think I'll take a bite.

NARRATOR 2: (to the audience) Should he bite it?

BOB: (chomp, chomp) THESE ARE DELICIOUS!

NARRATOR 1: With a full tummy and renewed energy, Bob was able to explore some of the positive aspects of his new life. Being a vampire did have benefits.

BOB: (Hypnotizes another animal) You will bring me more tomatoes!

ANIMAL 1: (hypnotized) Okey dokey.

INTERRUPTING BUG: Lore says that vampires have the ability to hypnotize people and make them do their bidding. This is helpful.

NARRATOR 2: The bad part was that nobody seemed to get him.

BOB: Hello! How are you tonight?

ANIMAL 2: EEK!

BOB: Hi, do you want to hang out with me?

ANIMAL 3: (screams and runs away) AHHHHH!



BOB: Okay, catch you later!

NARRATOR 1: The friends he used to hang around with seemed to have a problem with him too. Let's face it—mistakes had been made.

BOB: (to Bob 2, 3, and 4) I told you. I'm not going to try to eat you again.

NARRATOR 2: Fortunately, as Bob was going on with his day, he met someone with similar taste.

WORM & BOB: (to Animal 1 said at the same time) You will bring me more tomatoes!

ANIMAL 1: I wish you guys would stop doing that!

BOB: (to Worm) Hey! You like tomatoes too?

WORM: How'd you end up as a vampire?

BOB: Dark night, stomping feet, a drop of something icky, then poof!

WORM: Same here. Small world.

BOB: Wanna hang out?

WORM: YES!

NARRATOR 1: And that was the start of a wonderful friendship.

WORM & BOB: (flying together) BWHAHAHAHA!

