

PLOT SUMMARY:

The Mystery at Black Rock Beach

The *Mystery at Black Rock Beach* is a coming of age story, exploring the differences between fantasy and reality. The story follows the protagonist, Franny Fiorella Fly, who is celebrating her seventh-grade graduation with a family trip to Hawaii. Franny has recently gotten her ears pierced, symbolizing growth and maturity.

Throughout the story, readers will come to love Franny's sassy yet sweet personality and loyalty to her family. Franny uses her love for rebellious, blues rock music, to help her understand and make sense of the world, mainly her desires to be her own, unique self without societal influence.

In an effort to help her twin brothers Fonzy and Fillmore locate Frances the Foodle, a missing dog and neighborhood playmate from their Palm Springs hometown who happens to be vacationing on the same tropical island, she unlocks the mystery!

Frankie and Fawny are the human masterminds behind stolen pearls at a popular, Lahaina Town jewelry store. They have kidnapped Frances, along with several other dogs and are using the animals as slave laborers to both make, and model custom, pearl-lined dog collars which they decide to sell for exorbitant prices in a cabana at Black Rock Beach.

Ultimately, with the help of her brothers, Franny is able to rescue Frances and the other dogs in captivity. She helps Frankie and his assistant Fawny, see their evil, wrongdoings by counseling them on ways in which they can work to move past painful childhood memories and use grief and loss as important steppingstones for personal growth.