

PLOT SUMMARY:

Frankie and Fawny and the Magnificent Blue Pearl

Frankie and Fawny and the Magnificent Blue Pearl (sequel to *The Mystery at Black Rock Beach*) explores the lives of a fisherman and a jeweler, on a quest to find a rare pearl worth a pretty penny.

Throughout the story, readers learn of Frankie and Fawny's troubled past. In book one of the series, they were the human masterminds behind stolen pearls at a popular, Lahaina Town jewelry store. They kidnapped Frances the Foodle, a toy fox terrier mixed with a poodle, along with several other dogs and used the animals as slave laborers to make, and model, pearl-lined collars which they sold for exorbitant prices in a cabana at Black Rock Beach on the island of Maui.

At the end of book one, the "Black Rock Bandits" turned evil into good. Now, with the help of 13-year-old house flies on an Earth Science, school field trip, Frankie and Fawny join forces to fight for the lives of helpless dogs.

Frankie's cousin Fist struggles with a gambling addiction. As a result, Fist continues to pilfer, or steal money from the Kahului Animal Shelter to feed his addiction. The shelter needs repair and if renovations are not complete in 60 days, the city will condemn the facility and euthanize the dogs.

Ultimately, Frankie and Fawny find the rarest pearl on the island — a blue pearl. Fritz Pickin, owner of Fritz Pickin's Pearls, the popular Lahaina Town jewelry store from book one of the series (also the shop where Fawny works as a jeweler), sells the pearl. The cash is used to renovate the shelter, saving the dogs from a grim future. Under the guidance of science teacher Mrs. Species and her intuitive, insect students, Frankie mends his relationship with fist and everyone lives happily ever after.