

## **PLOT SUMMARY:**

### **What Goes Around, Comes Around**

What Goes Around, Comes Around (book three in the Black Rock Trilogy) explores the life of 11-year-old Finny Feldman, a kind human living next-door to a family of anthropomorphic house flies in Palm Springs, California.

The story begins inside the Feldman household. It is a somber day. Finny's parents have just received a devastating phone call. Readers learn of the sudden death of Aunt Fraidy, Mrs. Feldman's sister.

In order to understand Aunt Fraidy's role in the trilogy, let's go back to book two. In book two, Finny joins his fly friends on an exciting school field trip. He and his fly friends reunite with former Black Rock Bandits Frankie and Fawny to fight for the lives of helpless animals on the island of Maui.

Beloved animal rights activist Faimano Mahoe has fallen ill, leaving Frankie's cousin Fist in charge of the Kahului Animal Shelter. Fist falls short of his duties, allowing a dangerous and unhealthy gambling addiction to get the best of him. He has stolen funds from the animal shelter to feed his addiction, neglecting upkeep on the building. With the floors creaking and the roof leaking, the city is ready to condemn the facility and euthanize the dogs who have nowhere else to safely relocate.

Aunt Fraidy who lived on the island of Maui, volunteered to let the dogs from the Kahului Animal Shelter stay in her fully fenced backyard while it was being renovated. She even organized a Bakesale to raise additional funds so everyone's favorite animal rights activist could return home from the hospital happy and healthy.

With the unfortunate news of Aunt Fraidy's passing, a memorial service is planned, and everyone flies to the island of Maui to attend. But Finny is so distraught over the loss of his aunt that he disappears shortly after arriving in Maui. Franny, Fonzy, and Fillmore Fly who have recently arrived in Maui to attend Aunt Fraidy's memorial service, receive word that Finny has gone missing. They enlist the help of Frankie, Fawny, and Fritz Pickin (owner of Fritz Pickin's Pearls — also the shop

where Fawny works as a jeweler) to find Finny, bringing him back to Black Rock Beach in time for the scattering of Aunt Fraidy's ashes at sea.

Meanwhile, Finny is wandering on an island road, feeling sad and lonely. He is struggling with expressing his feelings to those he loves most. He is afraid that expressing sadness will make him appear weak.

Marlin Finklewitz, a conman who is wanted for illegally catching sturgeon and selling the fish roe to a local caviar distributor on Maui, meets Finny and attempts to gain his trust by helping him feel comfortable enough to express his emotions pertaining to Aunt Fraidy's sudden death.

After gaining Finny's trust, Finklewitz believes he has convinced Finny that the two are now "friends" and can become business partners. He lies about how much money he is willing to share with him and withholds information about the fish being caught illegally in the first place.

Ultimately, with the help of Frankie, Fawny, and Fritz Pickin, the flies rescue Finny seconds before he signs a contract to become business partners with Finklewitz. The cops are called, Finklewitz is arrested, and Finny learns an important lesson — sadness is a part of life. No one feels happy ALL the time. Finny returns to Black Rock Beach in time for the scattering of Aunt Fraidy's Ashes. Everyone is there, including Frances the Foodle, a toy fox terrier mixed with a poodle and all 16 dogs from the Kahului Animal Shelter.

Finally, Fritz Pickin uses Aunt Fraidy's mother-of-pearl spoon (the same spoon she used when serving fish roe or caviar) to make a necklace for Finny to wear and remember her by.