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The Crocodile Thief



Odd isn't particularly brave. In fact, he's really rather afraid. Of dogs, for example, and of teenagers. He's terrible at football and is always picked last during gym class. Worst of all, he cries so easily, especially when the others tease him. And they do, at every opportunity.

But one day the class goes on an excursion to the aquarium where Odd meets Rolf Lange, head of the reptile department. Rolf has tattoos and a pierced ear. He handles snakes and crocodiles as if they were cuddly toys.

Rolf probably isn't afraid of anything, thinks Odd, and is struck with an idea: He has to toughen up, and what he really needs is a crocodile...

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