

Rickie's First Catch

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THREE-YEAR-OLD Rickie Dewberry's first fish story was a whopper. Of course, Rickie had two natural advantages over most novice anglers: his family loves fishing and he lives amid the bountiful lakes of central Florida. For Rickie's first venture with rod and reel, the Dewberrys chose Lake Apopka near Orlando. As the pictures show, it was a happy choice, for sportsman Rickie made a handsome catch—at something of a record age.



After trouble with a slippery worm, Rickie casts off.



This fellow didn't get away but, "Ick, it's gooeey."



Time to go! Rickie, his catch beside him, is all ready.



Ah, but even the most compleat angler has a limit.



Rickie's grin of triumph is matched only by yawning gap displayed by vanquished foe, Mr. Perch.