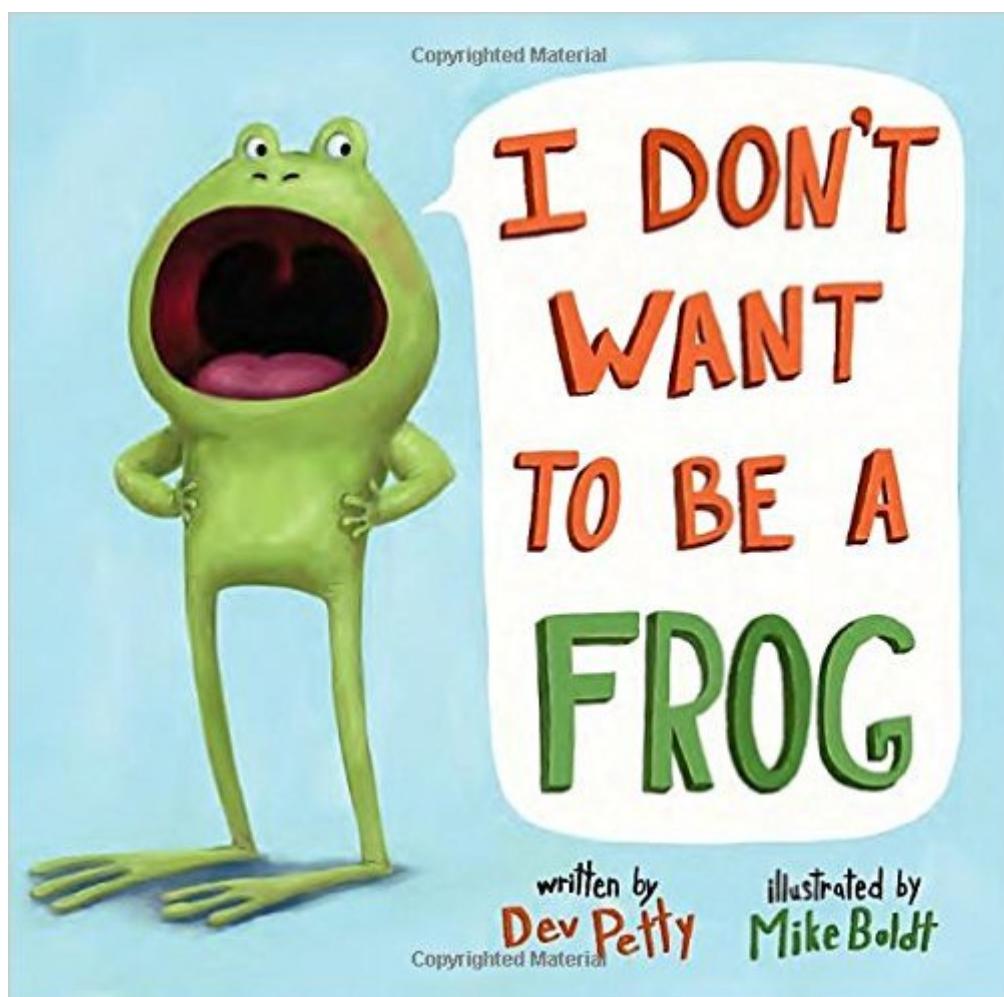


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I Don't Want To Be A Frog



Synopsis

Fans of Mo Willems' *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* and Jon Klassen's *I Want My Hat Back* will love meeting this willful young frog with a serious identity crisis. Frog wants to be anything but a slimy, wet frog. A cat, perhaps. Or a rabbit. An owl? But when a hungry wolf arrives—a wolf who HATES eating frogs—our hero decides that being himself isn't so bad after all. In this very silly story with a sly message, told in hilarious dialogue between a feisty young frog and his heard-it-all-before father, young readers will identify with little Frog's desire to be something different, while laughing along at his stubborn yet endearing schemes to prove himself right.* "First-time author Petty's dialogue between a frog father and his son makes its point about accepting one's nature with a big grin....The story might create similar gratitude in the minds of readers—or it might just make them giggle."—*Publishers Weekly*, STARRED REVIEW "A lively look at self-acceptance."—*Kirkus Reviews* "This amusing story ends with a laugh and a much more content frog."—*School Library Journal* "Silliness and deadpan humor combine into a hopping good story of being happy with who you are."—*Booklist* "a paean to self-acceptance wrapped in snappy dialogue and illustrated with richly colored comic paintings."—*Wall Street Journal* "Petty and Boldt provide just enough predictability to hook youngest readers, then deliver a delightful twist or two to create surprise and satisfaction" for both the green hero and the many fans he'll make with this book.—*Shelf Awareness* "...this lighthearted exploration of identity will delight as a readaloud."—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

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Customer Reviews

My husband and I share this account, but I am the one who loves children's books, and purchased this gem. Over the past 25 years I've gathered a collection of over 700, and I have read each one. I've also been very interested in what books children really enjoy and why, from their point of view, so I've asked them directly; and I ask adults what were their favorite books from childhood. This has lead to many great finds, and a bit of insight. Many children's books are written to entice adults to buy them, but are not really for the child; many are boring, preachy, or just plain stupid. Great illustrations are wonderful, but for me, the story has to be good also or I'm not interested. I'm no expert, I have no training besides raising and reading to our two wonderful children, but I've read literally thousands of children's books, and this book is a true gem. It was a refreshing find amid a tedious mass. Here is why I loved this book:^{*} Very good story, the child frog wants to be a an owl, a rabbit, anything but a frog, and the patient dad, tries to explain why he can't: " You don't have big ears. You a frog....."^{**} Funny. The child persists as only a child can, and the dad endures and has some very good one-liners.^{*} The dad, not the mom (moms are great), or magic or anything else is a good strong endearing character that the reader likes.^{*} What convinces the child IS NOT the dad's reasoning, though it is very sound, but a surprise character that is awesomely menacing and wise. My book is on loan, so forgive me as I paraphrase and condense it's quotes: "Why are you crying?" asks the large shadowy dark figure that we see only from behind. "I don't want to be a frog, they are wet, and slimy and full of flies!" answers the frog.

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