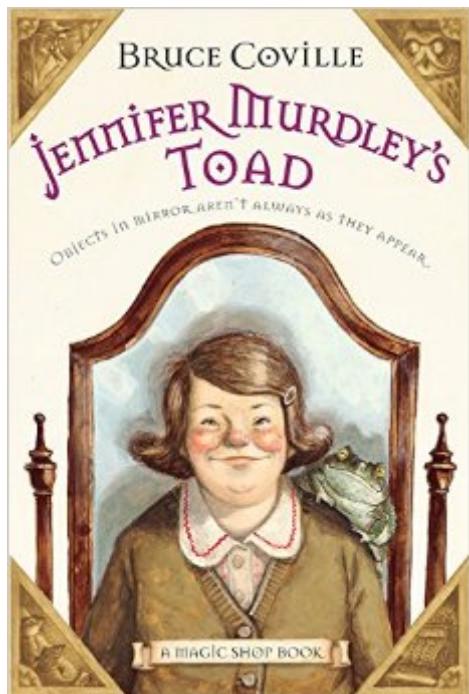


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# Jennifer Murdley's Toad: A Magic Shop Book



## **Synopsis**

Jennifer Murdley, a homely fifth-grader who would give anything to be beautiful, accidentally stumbles into a magic shop and purchases a very ugly toad. The toad, it turns out, can talk and ends up getting Jennifer into the worst trouble of her life. This madcap, head-spinning adventure is also a thought-provoking story about the nature of true beauty.

## **Book Information**

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Series: Magic Shop Book (Book 3)

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Age Range: 10 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

<http://readfantasybooks.wordpress.com> Plot Like all the other Magic Shop books, Jennifer Murdley's Toad starts off the same way. Jennifer is running away from some very cruel girls and ends up walking onto the street where the magic shop is located. She ends up buying a toad and when I found out what this story was really about I thought I wasn't going to like it. A toad? Seriously? Once I got into the story I was surprised that I was really enjoying it! It was much more interesting than I ever thought it would be. Pretty much the entire story is about Jennifer's toad turning her enemy into a toad, trying to figure out how to turn her back and realizing that by kissing someone else they turn back into a human, but the person they kiss is a toad. It is a huge cycle because someone always ends up being a toad and they have to figure out how to get rid of this problem while saving Bufo (her toad) from a witch. It ends up being a very entertaining story and children will really love how

exciting it is! Characters I actually enjoyed all the characters of the story. I thought they were all very well developed and had their own personalities, which made it very easy to distinguish between all of them. I think Jennifer's little brother was actually my favorite character besides Bufo because he was so cute and hilarious. Jennifer is an interesting character too, but she has a poor self image because she thinks she is ugly and all she wants is to be is pretty. There are some pretty good lessons taught in this book about beauty (what matters is on the inside), which can be discussed with children who may feel the same way.

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