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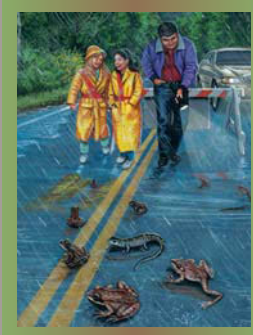
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Frogs have lived on the earth for around 200 million years.

Find out what we can do to make sure that there is always...

A PLACE FOR FROGS

DID YOU KNOW THAT...



Some frogs have to cross busy roads to lay their eggs?



Some frogs are helped by natural wildfires?



Some frogs need open sunny spots to lay their eggs?

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- ❖ Green Earth Book Award, honor book



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A PLACE FOR FROGS



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A PLACE FOR FROGS

Frogs make our world a better place. But sometimes people do things that make it hard for them to live and grow.

In simple yet informative language, award-winning children's science writer Melissa Stewart introduces readers to some of the ways human action or inaction can affect frog populations. More than just a book about frogs, A PLACE FOR FROGS will open readers' minds to a wide range of environmental issues.

Describing various examples—from the Pine Barrens tree frog in New Jersey to the Panamanian golden frog in Central America—the text provides an intriguing look at frogs, at the ecosystems that support their survival, and at the efforts of some people to save them.

In the back of the book, the author offers readers a list of things they can do to help protect these special creatures in their own communities.

Artist Higgins Bond's glorious full-color illustrations vividly and accurately depict the frogs and their surroundings.





A PLACE FOR FROGS

For Emile, a fellow frog lover

—M. S.

With sincere gratitude to Anita Grien

—H. B.



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If we work together to help these special creatures, there will always be a place for frogs.

A FROG'S LIFE

As frogs grow, they go through four life stages. A female frog lays eggs in a wet place. When a tiny tadpole breaks out, it spends most of its time eating and growing.

Soon the tadpole develops legs. Its tail shrinks, and it starts breathing air. When the froglet hops onto land, it grows quickly and loses its tail. Finally, it becomes a full-grown frog and is ready to find a mate.



GREEN FROG



For frogs to survive, they need to stay safe and healthy. Some tadpoles are harmed by chemicals farmers use to help their crops grow.

When farmers and scientists find new ways to improve crops, frogs can live and grow.

NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG

When farmers spray weed killer on crops, some of it drains into nearby ponds. Scientists discovered that the polluted water kills many northern leopard frog tadpoles. Those that survive face danger, too. The chemicals slow their

growth. That means the heat of summer could dry up the pond before the tadpoles turn into froglets. Without water, the tadpoles will die. Now that scientists understand how farm chemicals hurt frogs, they are searching for a solution.

