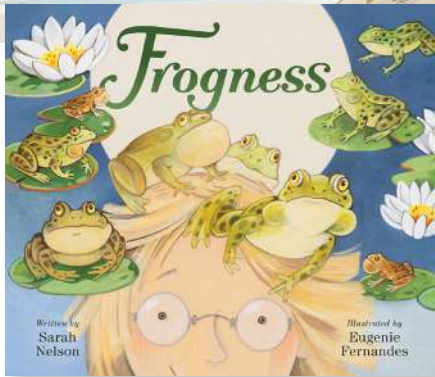


Frogness

Discussion Guide by Sarah Nelson



Book written by Sarah Nelson and illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes

About the Book

As rain clouds bloom across the sea and the first stars wink, Sammy and Chocolate tiptoe into the marsh behind their house in search of frogs. They can hear frogs everywhere—croaking, chirping, clucking, burping—but though they poke and peek, wriggle and sneak, they can't spot even one. It's only after Sammy and Chocolate stop looking, flop onto the grass, and fade into frogness—no thinking, just being—that frogs come flying. *Plink! Plop! Splatter! Splash!* Too slippery and fast to catch!

Written in lively, lilting free verse, *Frogness* invites curiosity and energetic play while also highlighting mindfulness and the hidden rewards of patience. Lush paintings and buoyant language immerse readers in the rich atmosphere of a marsh at sunset. This joyful summer read celebrates being part of nature and soaking up all the sounds and sensory details of our environment, whether we are active or at rest.

Before You Read

- Have you ever heard frogs calling? When and where have you heard them?
- Do you think it is easy or difficult to catch a frog? Why?

After You Read

- Chocolate and Sammy search and search. Why can't they find any frogs?
- What happens when Sammy and Chocolate fade into frogness?
- What do you think it means to "melt" into frog song?
- What finally brings the frogs to Sammy?
- Why isn't Sammy sad about not catching a frog?
- How do you think Sammy feels in the dream at the end of the book?
- What do you think frogness is?
- What do you think the book teaches us?

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Reading Recovery Level: 20

Common Core: L.2, RF.2, RL.2, SL.2, W.2

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): 3-LS3, 3-LS1

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