

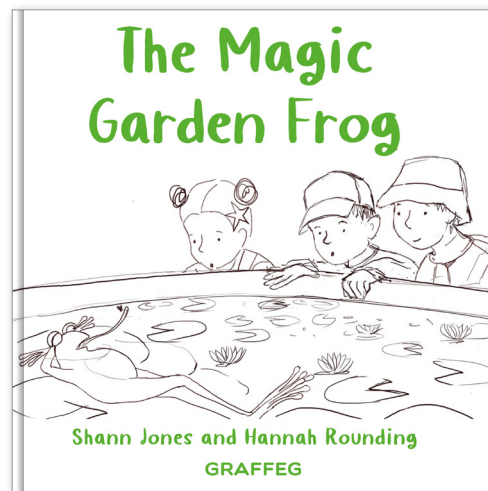
The Magic Garden: Frog

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About the author:

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About the illustrator:

Hannah Rounding is a freelance artist and illustrator based in Cardigan, West Wales. Her work with Graffeg includes illustrations for the picture books *Through the Eyes of Me*, *Through the Eyes of Us*, *See What I Can Do!* and *Lilly and Myles: The Torch* by Jon Roberts and *What Can You See?* by Jason Korsner.

Key themes:

- Frogs
- Nature
- Magic
- Family

Selling Points:

- A magical story of the frog's lifecycle.
- Turning children's initial 'ick' into a 'wow!', children are inspired to preserve and protect all the fragile species around us.
- *The Magic Garden: Frog* is the first in 'The Magic Garden' picture book series. Throughout the series, the children will be transformed into different creatures that inhabit the Magic Garden. Each adventure will teach them to cherish nature.
- Perfect for outdoor learning and exploring lifecycles of some of nature's weirder creatures.

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"That's wonderful!" Mangu said. "Frogs are great helpers in the garden, because they eat lots of slugs and bugs that can harm my flowers. Let's build the frog some steps so that she can easily get in and out of the pond."
They built the steps and even made a cosy house with leaves on top.



They were all shrieking! With a splash, they fell into the fountain. Wiggling around, they realised that they could swim. And they could breathe underwater!
"What are we?" said Elis.
"I think we're tadpoles!" said Maccsen.
"I like being a tadpole," Isabella laughed.
"Hello, children" said Suki, appearing beside them. "Welcome to the fountain."



"Hello Suki!" they said. Close up, they could admire the handsome black spots on the frog's back. "Come and see the fountain," Suki said. They followed, swimming easily with their new oval heads and long tails.



After a few weeks, Tadpole-Isabella started growing lungs.
"That is so that you can breathe air when you're a grown up frog," said Suki.

Then Tadpole-Maccsen grew a pair of legs next to his tail! It made swimming even faster.

A week after that, Tadpole Elis grew a pair of front legs as well. "Now you're a froglet," said Suki. "You're growing up."

Did you know that adult frogs can breathe through their skin, as well as through their lungs?