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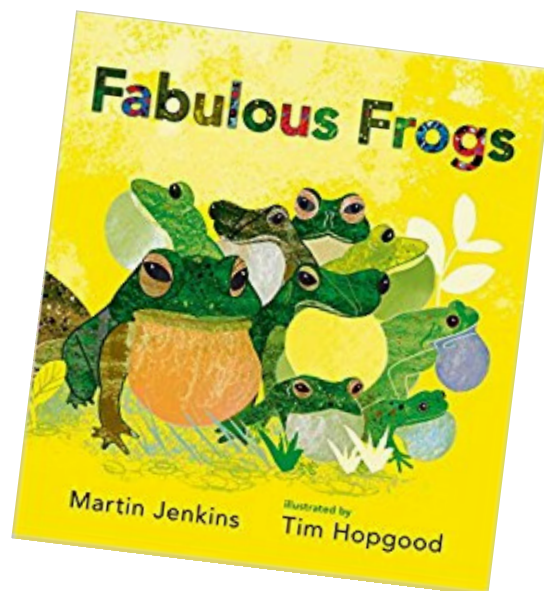
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Book Review

Title: Fabulous Frogs
Author: Martin Jenkins
Illustrator: Tim Hopgood
Reviewer: Amanda Durrant
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Publication Year: 2015
ISBN: 9780763681005
Number of Pages: 30
Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool, Primary
Rating: Outstanding



Review

This book is full of facts about frogs. The first two pages explore general frog facts about diet and physical attributes, including the egg and tadpole stages. The following pages explore different types of frogs from around the world: the huge Goliath frog from western Africa, the colorful South American Poison Arrow frog, and even the frog you are likely to see sitting on a lily pad in your backyard. Fun facts about each of the frogs are explored, including how the pointy-nosed Darwin frog scoops up his eggs and carries the newly hatched tadpoles in a pouch in his mouth.

The mixed media artwork of this book brings an interesting texture to the illustrations that accompany the factual information. The variation in text size makes it a fun read for children. Young readers will particularly love the varied font size on each page, thinking that the smaller texts are special secrets they are learning about each frog. Although it is a nonfiction book, young readers will pick it up again and again because of the artistic and textual details put into these pages.