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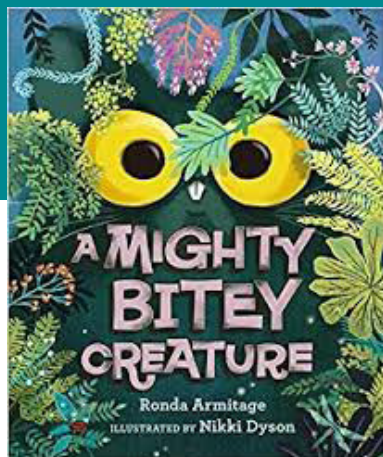
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Book Review

A Mighty Bitey Creature

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Rating
Dependable

Level
Toddler, Preschool, Primary

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34

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Frog is minding his own business when suddenly something takes a bite out of his little green bottom. On his way to tell King Lion what has happened and get help, he runs into a series of friends who also get bitten. Finally, when they all find King Lion, the Mighty Bitey Creature bites him as well. After looking around, they find a tiny animal baby that is just hungry for dinner. All the Jungle animals share their food and eventually the creature settles in for bed without needing to try to eat everything in sight.

Armitage writes with a level of humor that young children are going to relate to. There are jokes and funny made up words, as well as some sound effects that are written out and make this an excellent choice to read aloud. Often Dyson's illustrations incorporate these written sound effects, as well as many other little clues about the identity of the creature. This book can engage readers over several years when you account for the fun illustrations, humor, clues, and animals, making it a great addition to a home or classroom where different reading levels are present.