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Dear Treefrog

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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

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40

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Clarion Books

Exploring her new home after a move, a young girl encounters the wonders of the treefrogs that hide all around her property. Engaging with the small creatures helps her to feel a little less sad as she works to fit in. But it is not until she finds a true friend who shares her wonder of the treefrogs that the girl finds herself fully embracing all the joys around her.

Poems and facts combine to create this wonderful book that blends fiction and nonfiction. Readers experience the girl's journey of discovery in the direct and lyrical poetry, and brief educational paragraphs provide information about the frogs. The juxtaposition of the two text forms is both engaging and instructive. The illustrations, full of bold greens punctuated by sweeping lines in yellow and blue, will draw readers into the setting while they tell part of the story of how the new friendship forms and develops. With a subtle message of conservation at the end and a strong message of the joyous discovery of nature and personal connection, this book is heartwarming and helps readers learn more about some delightful creatures.