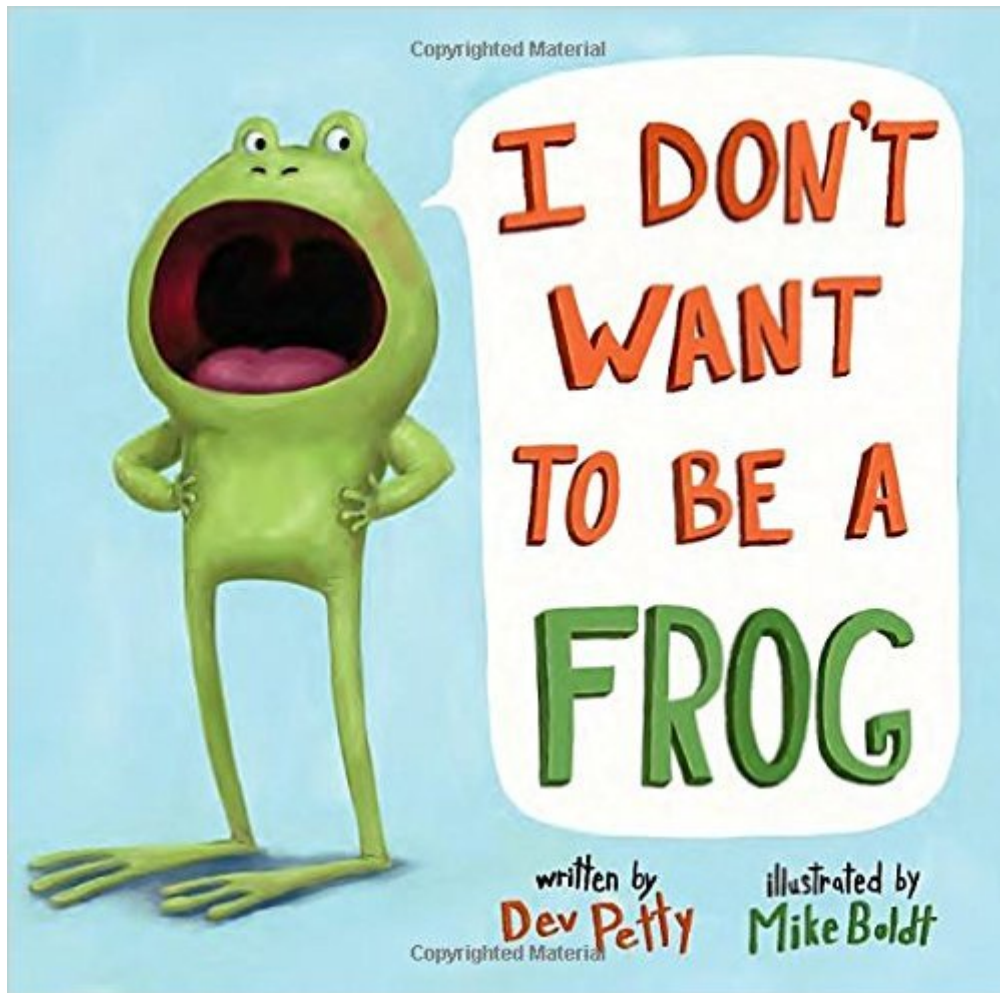


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# I Don't Want To Be A Frog



## Synopsis

Fans of Mo Willems's *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* and Jon Klassen's *I Want My Hat Back* will love meeting this willful young frog with a serious identity crisis. Frog wants to be anything but a slimy, wet frog. A cat, perhaps. Or a rabbit. An owl? But when a hungry wolf arrives—a wolf who HATES eating frogs—our hero decides that being himself isn't so bad after all. In this very silly story with a sly message, told in hilarious dialogue between a feisty young frog and his heard-it-all-before father, young readers will identify with little Frog's desire to be something different, while laughing along at his stubborn yet endearing schemes to prove himself right. "First-time author Petty's dialogue between a frog father and his son makes its point about accepting one's nature with a big grin....The story might create similar gratitude in the minds of readers—or it might just make them giggle." "Publishers Weekly," **STARRED REVIEW** "A lively look at self-acceptance." "Kirkus Reviews" "This amusing story ends with a laugh and a much more content frog." "School Library Journal" "Silliness and deadpan humor combine into a hopping good story of being happy with who you are." "Booklist" "a paean to self-acceptance wrapped in snappy dialogue and illustrated with richly colored comic paintings." "Wall Street Journal" "Petty and Boldt provide just enough predictability to hook youngest readers, then deliver a delightful twist or two to create surprise and satisfaction—for both the green hero and the many fans he'll make with this book." "Shelf Awareness"...this lighthearted exploration of identity will delight as a readaloud." "The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My husband and I share this account, but I am the one who loves children's books, and purchased this gem. Over the past 25 years I've gathered a collection of over 700, and I have read each one. I've also been very interested in what books children really enjoy and why, from their point of view, so I've asked them directly; and I ask adults what were their favorite books from childhood. This has lead to many great finds, and a bit of insight. Many children's books are written to entice adults to buy them, but are not really for the child; many are boring, preachy, or just plain stupid. Great illustrations are wonderful, but for me, the story has to be good also or I'm not interested. I'm no expert, I have no training besides raising and reading to our two wonderful children, but I've read literally thousands of children's books, and this book is a true gem. It was a refreshing find amid a tedious mass. Here is why I loved this book:\* Very good story, the child frog wants to be a an owl, a rabbit, anything but a frog, and the patient dad, tries to explain why he can't: " You don't have big ears. Your a frog....."\* Funny. The child persists as only a child can, and the dad endures and has some very good one-liners.\* The dad, not the mom (moms are great), or magic or anything else is a good strong endearing character that the reader likes.\* What convinces the child IS NOT the dad's reasoning, though it is very sound, but a surprise character that is awesomely menacing and wise. My book is on loan, so forgive me as I paraphrase and condense it's quotes: "Why are you crying?" asks the large shadowy dark figure that we see only from behind. "I don't want to be a frog, they are wet, and slimy and full of flies!" answers the frog.

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