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## **Frog on His Own** Mercer Mayer

Following the re-release of the first three books in this beloved series, here are the final three classic wordless tales in attractive, low-priced hardcover editions. *A Boy, a Dog, and a Frog*, the first book in this series, launched Mercer Mayer's distinguished career over twenty-five years ago, and also helped to create the wordless picture book genre. Full of warmhearted mischief and play, the books express the humorous trials and tribulations of friendship and the joy of summertime discovery. Readers will want to collect the entire set.

## **Frog on His Own Details**

Date : Published October 27th 2003 by Dial Books (first published January 1st 1973)

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Author : Mercer Mayer

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# From Reader Review Frog on His Own for online ebook

## Julianne says

More of the frog, by Mercer Mayer. This is a children's book, and I watched it as a video. Cute!

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## Guen says

Mentioned in: Treasury of Read-Alouds - Wordless Books

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## Sue says

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Challenges: To Be Continued...Challenge, PB & J Challenge, 101 Books in 1001 Days Challenge, What an Animal II, Read and Review Challenge 2010, Young Readers Reading Challenge 2010, 2010 Support Your Local Library Reading Challenge, 100 + Reading Challenge, Pages Read 2010, A to Z challenge, What An Animal III Challenge

Rating: 4/5

No. of Pages: 32

Published: 1973

**Back Cover:** Frog on his own.....

**Mine:** This is a great new series (to me) and of course it has frogs in it, so how can I not read it?

Once again the illustrations can't help but tell the wonderful story of how frog discovers what it's like to be on his own. It's not quite what he thinks – he realized he should be eating wasps, scaring people will get you in trouble and cats can chase. Finally dog comes to the rescue to run the cat off and boy and frog are reunited.

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## Shanna Gonzalez says

In this book a boy goes to the park with his pet dog and frog, leaves the frog alone to find whatever trouble he can. The frog flicks out his tongue to catch an insect, which turns out to be a bee. He disturbs a young couple's picnic, sinks a young boy's toy boat (retrieved by his annoyed mother), and joins a baby in its crib (swiping a sip of its bottle). This is a kind of visual comedy perfect for young children, and simple enough

that after a parent helps with interpretation the first time, it may be fully enjoyed alone.

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### **Sassy says**

These books about a boy and his frog are great for preschoolers and young readers; they are sweet, funny stories with a lot of room for young readers to do the storytelling/narration based on the expressive drawings. Great for all ages, and family sharing.

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### **Caryn says**

A complete picture book - no words at all. Loved it! We see frog as he goes throughout his day and the mischief that he gets into!

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### **Hira says**

wordless picture books

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### **Vandy says**

great illustrations.

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### **Stephanie Croaning says**

A pet frog decides to go on an adventure, but learns that there's no place like home. A delightful and fun wordless book.

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### **Erin says**

A boy and his pets (a dog, a frog, and a turtle) go for a walk. The frog jumps out to explore on his own and have adventures. Everything goes fine for frog until he's caught by a big, hungry cat! The boy ends up saving the frog and they go off on their merry way.

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### **Rebecca Rauber says**

This wordless picture book would be ideal for a Kindergarten classroom during free reading time. Students

could build up confidence by "reading" a book on their own. This is also a great introduction to Mercer Mayer's writing style which would be useful when reading his other books.

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### **Megan Palasik says**

I am a speech-language pathologist and I like to use wordless (or almost wordless) books with my preschoolers sometimes to practice their speech sounds in a conversational context, as well as informally assess their sentence structure and story telling skills.

This is the story of a frog who has gotten away from the boy who was carrying him. The frog gets into some mischief throughout his adventure, such as trying to eat a bee and getting stung, disrupting a picnic, breaking a toy boat, and drinking a baby bottle.

My students did not seem to like this book as much as other ones, which surprised me. I think it may be because the pictures are not in color. I think the pictures are very well done and full of detail and emotion. Mayer has quite a few books like this that tell a story without words and they are all beautifully done.

Great preschool book.

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### **Mary says**

A good wordless book, but Mayer's later book, *One Frog Too Many*, offers better laughs and facial expressions.

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### **Sarah Sammis says**

December at Puss Reboots seems to be turning out to be Mercer Mayer month. I'm back with a third review of one of his picture books.

Mercer Mayer is probably best known for his Little Critter Books. Back when I was a child he had a delightful picture book series featuring a boy, a dog and a frog. At our most recent trip to the library, Harriet found a reissued copy of one of these, *Frog on His Own* and was immediately drawn to it.

The boy and his dog are in a park with the frog in a bucket. The frog sees his chance at freedom and hops away. Unfortunately for the frog, the park is full of all sorts of obstacles and dangers including a cute but hungry cat.

*Frog on His Own* is literally a picture book. It has 31 pages of Mercer's ornate pen and ink drawings and absolutely no accompanying text.

When Harriet isn't enjoying the book by herself, something she is wont to do now that her brother can read, I've enjoyed a few strolls through the book myself. There's enough to each page to make up any number of stories from what Mercer has drawn.

The Boy, Dog and Frog picture book series:

- \* A Boy, a Dog and a Frog (1967)
  - \* Frog, Where Are You? (1969)
  - \* A Boy, a Dog, a Frog, and a Friend (1971)
  - \* Frog on His Own (1973)
  - \* Frog Goes to Dinner (1974)
  - \* One Frog Too Many (1975)
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**Becky H. says**

No words so my little ones could "read" like their big sister. I love the frog books by Mercer Mayer.

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