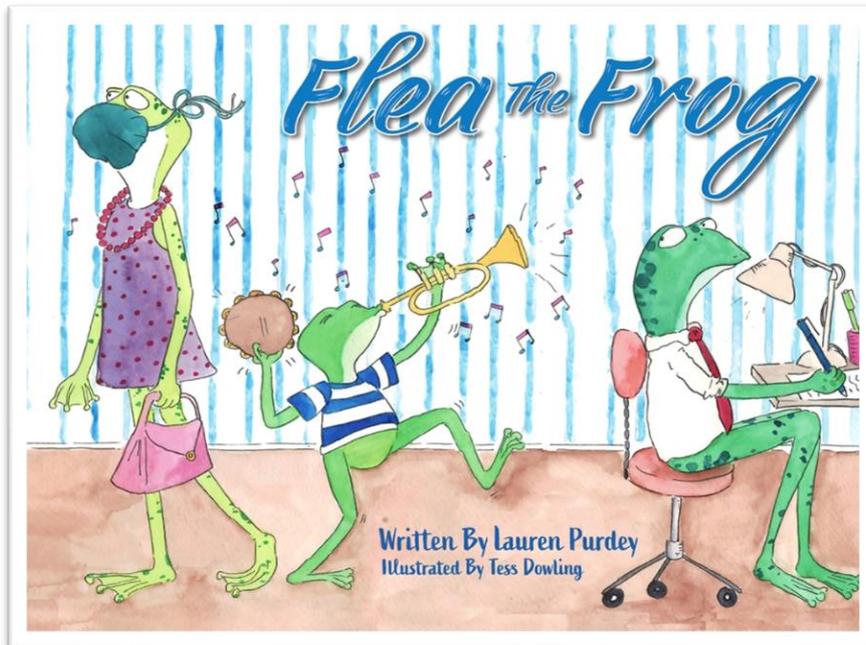


Flea the Frog

Lauren Purdey



Flea is a young Frog...

He has noticed that everyone around him is always so worried.

Dad's working from home and Flea is not allowed to go anywhere.

He just wants everyone to be happy again.
Join along with Flea and his family as they try to adjust to a new normal.

Flea misses his friends, and he can tell that all the adults are very worried, he just wants everyone to be happy again.

Follow Flea's adventure as he learns about how things have changed and how being together is the most important thing of all.

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About the Author: **Lauren Purdey**



Lauren Purdey is an Early Childhood Educator with a passion for working with children.

She has spent many years studying Early Childhood Development and has been working with children and their families since 2015.

Lauren has spent many hours reading with children, and it is one of her favourite past-times as a lifelong reader, she hopes to provide parents an easy outlet to help process their children's feelings in a warm and inviting environment.

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A Conversation with Lauren

Who inspires you?

I am inspired every day while working with Children

What do you think makes a good story?

I like children's books that rhyme and are easy to read, I like all books to have feelings in them and make me feel something. Whether it's sad or cross or happy, I like books to invoke a feeling...

As a child, what did you want to do when you grew up?

I chopped and changed a lot. I wanted to be a photographer, a marine biologist, a zookeeper, a teacher. I never really had a plan or knew exactly what I wanted from a young age

What are your plans for your future book/s?

I hope that Flea becomes a series, there are lots of stories I can tell through him – trying new foods, being scared of the dark, learning to ride a bike, going to school, learning how to be a good friend – all the things that young children face on a day to day basis and can relate to.

What were your inspirations?

I wrote this book to help children and their families process what is going on with the world. We are all trying to keep our children safe and they can sense that things are different. They can't go anywhere, they can't see their friends, they know all the adults are scared. It was important to me to provide parents an opportunity to speak openly with their children about their fears and also about all uncertain times because there are lots through-out a life. Building resilience in children is very important for their development and reminding parents that this is hard for Children too is really important to me.

Do you like to create books for kids? Why?

Children and their parents, I think books open up wonderful conversations between parents and their children and it is those moments that everyone is really present. It creates beautiful memories and helps parents and children become closer.

How you decided on the characters in the book would be an interesting concept to describe for us please?

Children love animals, I thought a frog could be funny for children as they are interesting creatures. Lots of people grow up hunting for tadpoles etc and I thought that this could be a character that will bring up fun memories or even encourage people to create fun memories.

Where do you get your information or ideas for your books?

By working with children and speaking to their parents about things they are struggling with.

What was one of the most surprising things you learned in creating your books?

How much meaning can come from such a small amount of words.

When did you first realize you wanted to be a writer?

I have always written things, I used to practice poetry with my mum when I was really young and I have always jotted things down through-out my life.

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