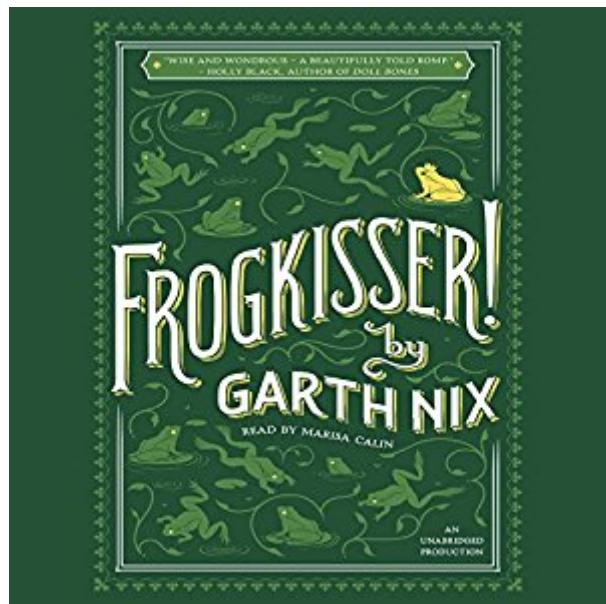


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# Frogkisser!



## **Synopsis**

Poor Princess Anya. Forced to live with her evil stepmother's new husband, her evil stepstepfather. Plagued with an unfortunate ability to break curses with a magic-assisted kiss. And forced to go on the run when her stepstepfather decides to make the kingdom entirely his own. Aided by a loyal talking dog, a boy thief trapped in the body of a newt, and some extraordinarily mischievous wizards, Anya sets off on a quest that, if she plays it right, will ultimately free her land - and teach her a thing or two about the use of power, the effectiveness of a well-placed pucker, and the finding of friends in places both high and low. With *Frogkisser!*, acclaimed best-selling author Garth Nix has conjured a fantastical tale for all ages, full of laughs and danger, surprises and delights, and an immense population of frogs. It's 50 percent fairy tale, 50 percent fantasy, and 100 percent pure enjoyment from start to finish.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ahoy there me mateys! So I have a wee bit of an obsession with Garth Nix and his wonderful stories. I love him so much that he was the featured author in me first broadside. I have read 25 of his novels. So when I heard he was writing this fairy tale I had to have it. Plus awesome cover. In his "Acknowledgments" of this novel, Mr. Nix claims inspiration from "the works of Lloyd Alexander, Nicholas Stuart Gray, Diana Wynne Jones, Robin McKinley, and T.H. White." I don't know Nicholas Stuart Gray's work (must remedy) but I can certainly see nods to all of the other authors he listed in the story. The story centers around Anya who is the youngest princess of the kingdom of Trallonia.

One of her sister's suitors is transformed into a frog by their evil sorcerer step-stepfather. In order to stop the tears and hysterics, Anya promises to turn him back into a human. This inadvertently becomes way more complicated than originally planned thus leading Anya off on a Quest! The subversive nature of the story is what I loved about it. Favorites include the use of the magic carpet, Gerald the Heralds, otters transformed into people, how the army is formed, having step-stepparents, snow white, etc. I very much enjoyed Anya as a character. And the frogs were just delightful. The only downside to this novel for me was the pacing. It is a very episodic story where the heroine gets a lot of help from people she just happens to meet along the way. Makes more sense after reading the acknowledgements but I would have preferred Anya to show a lot more initiative. Of course Anya doesn't really show initiative in the beginning and is a very reluctant hero who grows into her role. But unlike many of me other Nix reads, this didn't zing. I am okay with that lack of zing. This was a solid story with a lot of fun ideas and characters. Mr. Nix continues to remain an auto-buy author. And apparently he has a new novel coming out in October this year.

Arrrr!!!

I ordered this book just in time for it to be delivered when I found out I had mononucleosis. I completely attribute my ability to come through a week spent mostly in bed in a positive manner to this book. I actually didn't realize it was qualified as "children's literature" until after I was finished. I simply picked it up on the assumption that I liked Garth Nix's Abhorsen books, so I should like this. Completely different, but I still loved it. I enjoyed the main character and departure from the typical tropes while still retaining the fairy tale structure. The wizard was probably my favorite character, helping but not directly interfering. The strong female characters made it for me--there were so many diverse personalities to them! I actually purchased this book a second time for my niece's 11th birthday present.

I have loved every book that I have read by Garth Nix and *Frogkisser* is no exception. It is amazing, charming, and had me hooked from the beginning. The characters are well developed and the imagery is amazing! Loved it from start to finish and may just read it again. Can't wait for more!

This was a great buy, and a nice rainy day (or any day) read. I recommend anyone giving this book a try :)

Garth Nix does it again! This is a wonderful book that both children and adults will enjoy. A sheltered

princess and her Royal Dog go on a quest to make some magical lip balm. I really loved this fun and quirky book. I will definitely be rereading many times in the future.

I already read and loved Garth Nix old kingdom series. This book is equally as magic and fun. Great book that is fun and enjoyable.

Garth Nix never fails to disappoint. Frogkisser presents a great adventure for adult or child while setting a great example.

This is a short but fun book. It has all the hallmarks of a good fantasy story with princesses, evil sorcerers, witches, talking animals, and transmogrified people.

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