



FROGGY
FAMILY'S
FIRST
FROLIC



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DEDICATION

To “friends” and “enemies” everywhere, who teach us kindness and patience...
to do unto others as we would have done to ourselves.

And to people, old, young, and middle aged, who care about life,
because what happens to other living creatures will surely
eventually happen to us.

Fern and Reid were newlyweds.

They had just hatched their first eggs,
and were anxious for all of the little tadpoles
to grow their legs so they could
go on a fun outing together.

Fern worried about so many things.

Would they make it safely to their destination?
Would they get home without any accidents —
and in time for them to hide from predators?
Would there be enough for everyone to eat?



By the time the day began for you and me,
the frogs had found their home.

Fern and Reid were happy and proud
that – except for Paddy’s bad tummy ache –
everything had gone so well.

Tired from their night of play, they
all smiled happily as they fell fast asleep,
dreaming of their

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important information ABOUT FROGS

Red Eyed Tree Frogs (*Agalychnis Callidryas* - pronounced ag-a-LICK-niss ca-LID-ree-us) live in the Rainforest of Central America near rivers and ponds. They are smaller than an inch and a half. During the night, they jump skillfully and deliberately around and between palms and tree ferns and other forest plants. They live high in the trees and come down lower during the rainy season to drop their eggs. In the daytime, they cover their colorful parts, and stay without moving on a green plant, so that they are almost invisible.

These iconographic frogs currently are not either endangered or threatened, but their ranks are shrinking. However, hundreds of species of frogs have become extinct or on the edge of extinction all over the world, a phenomena which was recognized first in 1989 at the First World Congress of Herpetology. Habitat loss and degradation are the major threats to the survival of the Red Eyed Tree Frog. Agriculture, crops and livestock, contribute to the destruction of the species, as do the human construction of roads, towers, windmills and even our own homes and communities.

Human collections for trade, food and pets also are responsible for hundreds of millions of frog deaths in the last 20 years.

PLEASE HELP THESE TINY CREATURES.

You can find lots of activities for children, ages 1 minute to 120 years old, on the website
SavetheFrogs.com

Watch, be aware, humble and mindful.

We all are "[one]derful."

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