



# HAPPY 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY, FROG!

When I wrote *I DON'T WANT TO BE A FROG*, I was thinking about how when kids are asked, "If you could be any animal, what would it be?" they will answer, "Monkey! Shark! Eagle!" No kid ever says "Frog!" It was time to give frogs a moment.

I wanted to create a character who asks BIG questions without very clear answers. It's good for kids to know they can do that. I'm not sure what I expected from my first book, but having something which has delighted kids around the world for ten years was not it. I'm forever grateful for getting paired with Mike Boldt because we are such a team.

Thank you for this amazing ride! —Dev Petty



I fell in love with the *I DON'T WANT TO BE A FROG* manuscript instantly. It was SO funny and smart. Dev's story reminded me of conversations I'd had with my own son ("You can't be Batman"), so that was the inspiration for Frog's dad in the book, who wasn't actually in the original manuscript.

It's hard to believe it's been ten years since that first book came out. I still get frog drawings from students all over North America. What a privilege it's been to work with such an amazing team—a team I now call friends.

Thanks, Team Frog! Here's to hopping along for another ten!

—Mike Boldt



# Praise for *I DON'T WANT TO BE A FROG*

★ "Petty's dialogue between a frog father and his son makes its point about accepting one's nature with a big grin."

—*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."

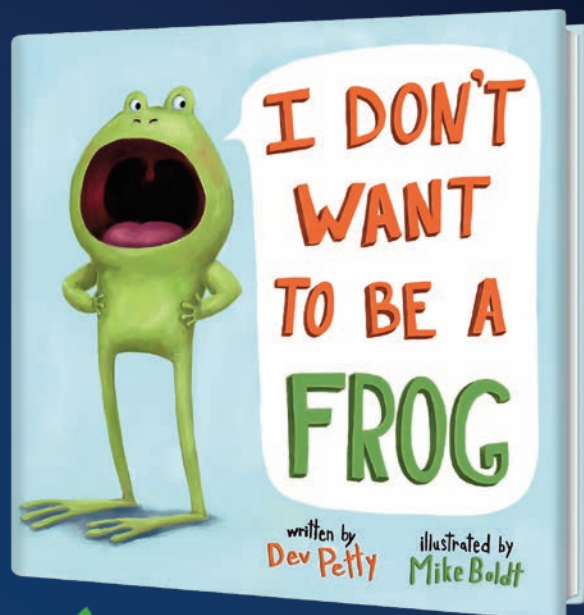
—*School Library Journal*

"Silliness and deadpan humor combine into a hopping good story of being happy with who you are." —*Booklist*

"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*

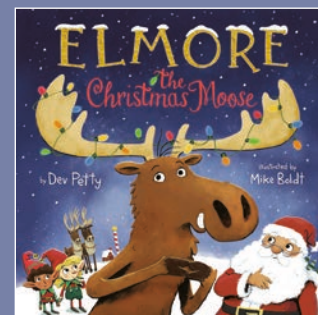
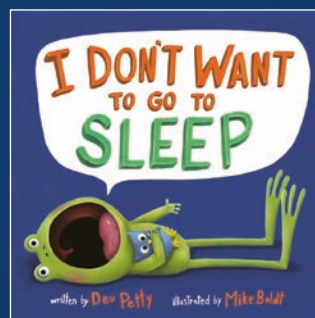
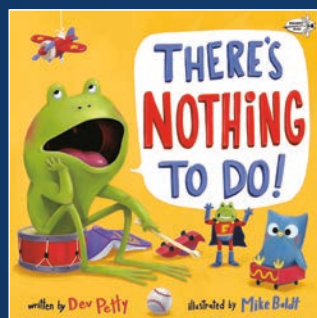
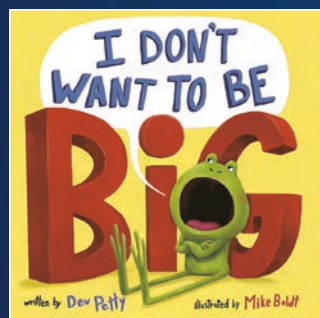
"This lighthearted exploration of identity will delight as a read-aloud." —*The Bulletin*



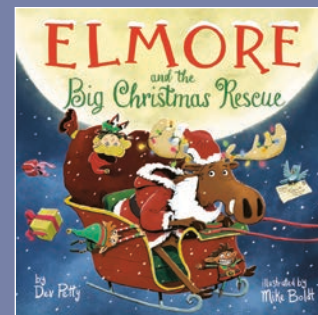
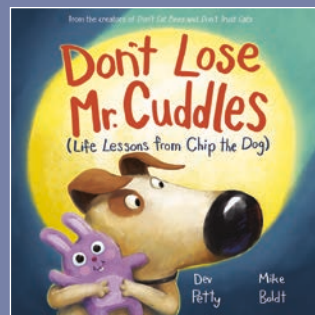
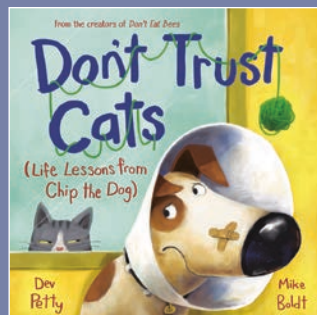
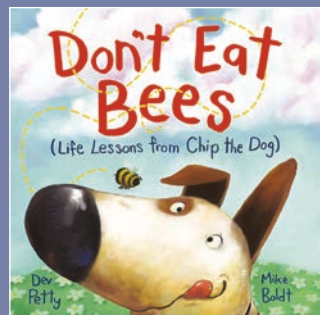
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