***Frogkisser!***

By Garth Nix

### **Annotation:**

Poor Princess Anya! Forced to live with her evil stepmother’s new husband, her evil stepfather, has the unfortunate ability to break curses with magic kisses, AND now forced to go on the run when her stepfather decides to make the kingdom entirely his own. She is not alone, 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.

**Book Talk:**

A fairy tale turned upside down! The princess doesn’t always need to be rescued, sometimes she is the hero! Join Anya on her quest to save the kingdom! Along the way she will find friends in high and low places, the power of a well placed pucker.

**Book Trailer:**

* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQjO5pirJLo&t=14s>

### **Author on the Internet:**

* Website: www.garthnix.com
* Twitter: @garthnix
* Facebook:https://www.facebook.com/garthnix

### Items to use in a library d**isplay**:

* magic wands
* toy frogs
* newts
* castle

**Book Club Discussion Questions/Topics:**

* Have you ever had to do something you weren’t good at?
* Anya is called the “Frogkisser” - what would your magician name be?
* The reader expects the witch to be evil and the princess to be good, are there any other expections that are broken in this book? Which ones would you like to see in a book you would write?

**First Line of the Book:**

* “The scream was very loud and went on for a very long time.”

**Non-Fiction Companion Title(s)**

* [*Frogs and other amphibians (Inside Animals)*](http://www.titlewave.com/search?active_filter=&active_tab=allTitles&card9.x=1&duplicates_view=&page=1&search_within_type=&search_within_view=&within_search=1&SID=a938ab2659fca4176a066a7e7b05da37) by [West, David](http://www.titlewave.com/search?author_search=West%2C+David&SID=a938ab2659fca4176a066a7e7b05da37)
* [*10 fascinating facts about castles (Rookie Star: Fact Finder)*](http://www.titlewave.com/search?active_filter=&active_tab=allTitles&card1.x=1&duplicates_view=&page=1&search_within_type=&search_within_view=&within_search=1&SID=a938ab2659fca4176a066a7e7b05da37) by [Cohn, Jessica](http://www.titlewave.com/search?author_search=Cohn%2C+Jessica&SID=a938ab2659fca4176a066a7e7b05da37)

**What to Read Next**

* *The Frog Princess* by E. D. Baker
* [*The wide-awake princess (Tale of the Wide-Awake Princess*](http://www.titlewave.com/search?active_filter=&active_tab=books&card1.x=1&duplicates_view=&page=1&search_within_type=&search_within_view=&within_search=1&SID=a938ab2659fca4176a066a7e7b05da37)) by [Baker, E. D](http://www.titlewave.com/search?author_search=Baker%2C+E.+D&SID=a938ab2659fca4176a066a7e7b05da37)
* [*Princess Academy (Princess Academy, Book 1)*](http://www.titlewave.com/search?active_filter=&active_tab=books&card1.x=1&duplicates_view=&page=1&search_within_type=&search_within_view=&within_search=1&SID=a938ab2659fca4176a066a7e7b05da37) by [Hale, Shannon](http://www.titlewave.com/search?author_search=Hale%2C+Shannon&SID=a938ab2659fca4176a066a7e7b05da37)

Other Books by this Author:

* *Abhorsen Books: Sabriel, Lireal, Clariel, and Goldenhand*
* *“Keys to the Kingdom” series*
* *“Seventh Tower” Series*

**Additional Resources**:

* Chamber or Renaissance music
* Interview with the author: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASUQZvfQSEU>
* Interview with the author (Not about Frogkisser! but very interesting):
* http://www.lightspeedmagazine.com/nonfiction/interview-garth-nix/
* Lesson ideas: Fairy Tales <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collections/teaching-content/fairy-tales/>
* Lesson ideas: Fractured Fairy Tales
* http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/once-upon-time-rethought-853.html

**Name that Book:**

* “Mmmmmm, said Ardent [the Royal Dog]. He liked cooked food. Also raw food and semicooked food, and things that might be food and so were worth chewing on for a while to make sure they *weren't* food.” p. 15HB
* “How could anyone even start to put it all back together?''You start small,' said Dehlia. The raven had a very particular stare. Her single eye, bright with moonshine, was focused on Anya in a very alarming way. 'With a Quest to save one of those small kingdoms, and set it to rights, and have its ruler swear to uphold the bill. Then you go on from there.” p.100 HB
* “Ever thought of becoming a wizard?' - The Good Wizard asked 'Not before now,' said Anya. 'I've always wanted to be a sorcerer...'Her voice trailed off as the Good Wizard raised her eyebrows. 'But not so much anymore,' continued Anya.” p. 171 HB
* “...I don't expect to need rescuing. I'm not that kind of princess.” p. 230 HB