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# It's Mine!



## **Synopsis**

Four time Caldecott Honor winner Leo Lionni's beloved tale about three young frogs learning to work together. Three selfish frogs live together on an island in the middle of Rainbow Pond. All day long they bicker: It's mine! It's mine! It's mine! But a bad storm and a big brown toad help them realize that sharing is much more fun. With characteristic clarity, simplicity and exuberance, Leo Lionni makes it possible for kids to see themselves through the antics of others who share our world.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

The author/artist's trademark cut-paper collages add distinction to a tale of a toad who saves three frogs from a flood?and from endless bickering. Ages 3-7. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 1 Although there's not as much depth as in *Frederick* (1966) or as much whimsy as in *Alexander*... (1969, both Pantheon), this is still a fine choice for spring story hours. Three childlike frogs spend their days bickering and baiting each other: it's mine, claims one about the water. Another purports ownership of the earth or a worm or a butterfly or whatever. It isn't until

disaster almost strikes and they are saved by a toad that Milton, Rupert and Lydia realize that private ownership isn't that important. Whether grumbling for the sake of being difficult or dancing with delight, Lionni's frogs spring to life. Collages of marbled-textured paper, all in cool, crisp, spring-like colors against a stark white background, are a perfect match for this story of selfishness on the pond, carried out in beautifully simple line and language. Trev Jones, "School Library Journal"Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Leo Lionni's books are all cute and fun to read. We bought this book because our child was given the stuffed frog when he was in the hospital. I'm a sucker for books that have character stuffed animals to hold while we're reading the book.

Doesn't get any better than this. A wonderful fable by the phenomenal Leo Lionni. Children (and adults) can learn about sharing with this humorous story of three selfish frogs who bicker and fight over everything on the island.

Great for teaching my Pre-K special needs class about sharing!

YAY!!

This is one of about 5 books that I purchased with the intent of helping my 3 year old "come to terms" with sharing. Leo Lionni gives us a charming tale about three frogs who do nothing all day but bicker! They fight over the island, the water, and even the air. It takes a flood of water for the three frogs to realize the importance of sharing. What is most important is my child's reaction to this book. He was also charmed by the characters, found humor in the text, and appreciated the storyline. Thumbs up from both of us!

I bought It's Mine! as a companion piece for the Mino-O-Saur, another book about sharing and thinking about how your actions affect those around you. It is gently told and the lesson is not overt, but the story lends itself to good discussion. The last line, "It's ours!" gets kids thinking about how the frogs have changed their attitude, going from "mine" to "ours." It opens a discussion on how we think of the natural world and seven or eight yr. olds will relate to the toad as they all know how annoying bickering people can be. Not to mention selfish ones.

Great author for kids books. I like the usage of more complex vocabulary versus other children's books.

"this was good. I love it because they became friends again" as stated by my five year old.

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