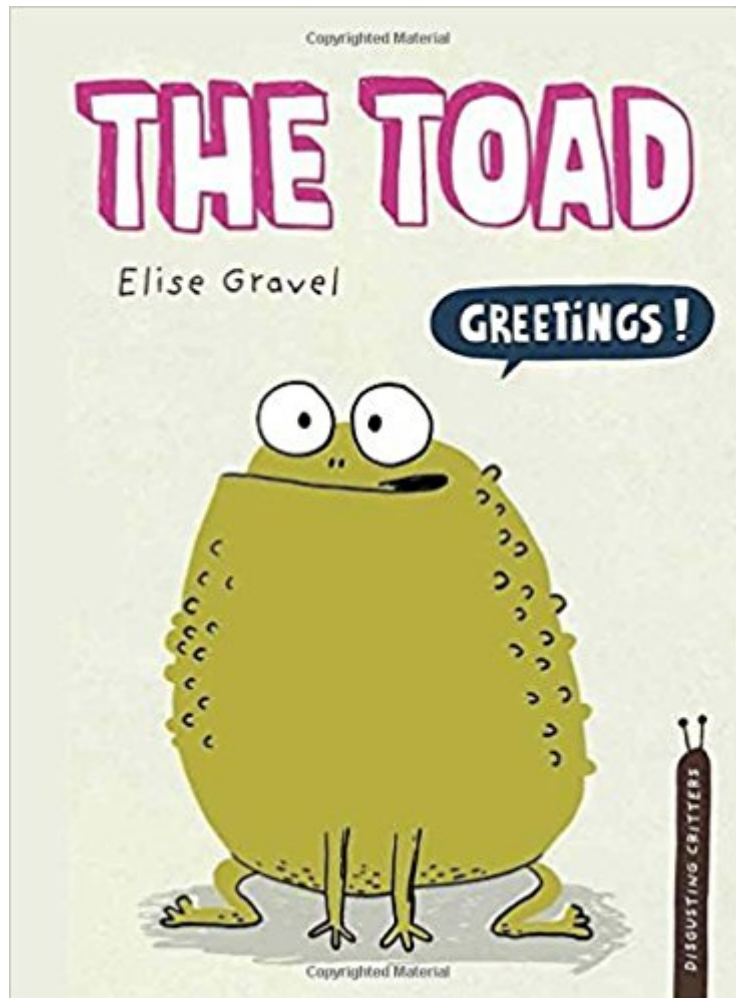




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The Toad: The Disgusting Critters Series



Synopsis

She's good for the environment... and she's disgusting! Distinctive trait: Warts Food preference: Bugs and worms Special talent: Eating her own skin Disgusting? Yes, but fun, too! The Toad is the next installment of the Disgusting Critter series. Hilarious illustrated non-fiction about toads perfect for beginning readers. Humorous text and funny illustrations will leave young readers croaking for more.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Gr 1-4 • The latest addition to the series, in which Gravel uses her obvious passion for seemingly unlovable creatures to excite the curiosity of young readers. The text conveys age-appropriate information about the physical attributes of toads: general traits such as their long tongues and warts, which act as form of camouflage, and the particularities of specific species, such as the Emei mustache toad and the Venezuela pebble toad (though the protagonist of this book is the common toad). Gravel discusses habitats, ecological impact, and life cycle from egg to maturity. The female pronoun is used for the main character toad, though, thankfully, she is only given eyelashes and pink lips when she declares that her warts are her "beauty spots" and the fertilization of the eggs is not discussed. What sets this book apart from other early readers is the

engaging humor. Gravel's cartoonish illustrations will keep children involved with the material and the important environmental message. However, the call to action would have benefitted from a specific example of how young people can keep the environment healthy for our amphibian friends. In addition, the use of Spanish phrases, such as a frog bidding readers "Hasta la vista," may exasperate native Spanish-speakers. VERDICT For fans of the series or collections looking to add a bit of humor. — Kelly Topita, Anne Arundel County Public Library, MD

— “Having surveyed worms, spiders, flies, and head lice, Gravel continues her Disgusting Critters series with a quick hop through toad fact and fancy” A light dose of natural history, with occasional “EWWW!” for flavor. — Kirkus Reviews — “Gravel uses her obvious passion for seemingly unlovable creatures to excite the curiosity of young readers What sets this book apart from other early readers is the engaging humor. Gravel’s cartoonish illustrations will keep children involved with the material and the important environmental message. — School Library Journal — “One of the highlights of the book is the toad eating her skin with a bottle of ketchup and a giant “Ewww!” speech bubble. I have a five-year-old in my house who, after reading this book, went around quoting this page for the rest of the day. — CM Magazine — “Using a cartoon framework, Gravel rattles off fast facts accompanied by wisecracking amphibians, giving spreads the feel of a gag strip” Young readers will squeal and squirm Kids will readily respond to Gravel’s hilarious illustrations, simple sentences, and dynamic fonts, as well as her call to help toads by keeping the planet clean. — Booklist

My 8 year old son loves, loves, loves these books. The first night we got them I had to read each one twice. They have a great sense of humor, gorgeous but simple illustrations and are informative as well. The perfect trifecta of bookly goodness!

Product was as described and arrived on time. Grandson loved it!

Great

I bought these as Christmas presents for my little nephews, they are cute and funny as heck, they are comical as to keep them interesting for little kids I bought more of the others by Elise Gravel, kids will love these!

Love the illustration, great informative yet playful story. Will definitely be purchasing more from the series!

Love all these disgusting creature books! Fun for my son (3yrs) and cute illustrations!

Among the best of a great series

My 9 yr old loved it!

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