



Frog and Toad All Year

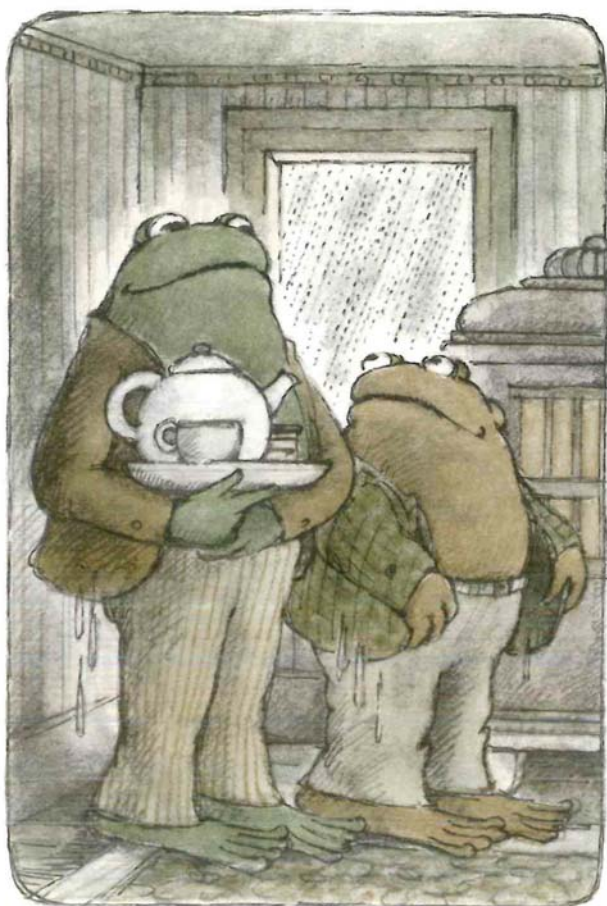


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The Corner

Frog and Toad
were caught in the rain.
They ran to Frog's house.
"I am all wet," said Toad.
"The day is spoiled."
"Have some tea and cake,"
said Frog. "The rain will stop.
If you stand near the stove,
your clothes will soon be dry.



I will tell you a story
while we are waiting,” said Frog.
“Oh good,” said Toad.



“When I was small,
not much bigger
than a pollywog,” said Frog,
“my father said to me,
‘Son, this is a cold, gray day
but spring
is just around the corner.’

I wanted spring to come.

I went out

to find that corner.

I walked down a path in the woods
until I came to a corner.

I went around the corner
to see if spring

was on the other side.”





“And was it?” asked Toad.

“No,” said Frog.

“There was only a pine tree,
three pebbles
and some dry grass.



I walked
in the meadow.
Soon I came to
another corner.



I went around the corner
to see if spring was there.”
“Did you find it?” asked Toad.
“No,” said Frog.

“There was only
an old worm
asleep on a
tree stump.”



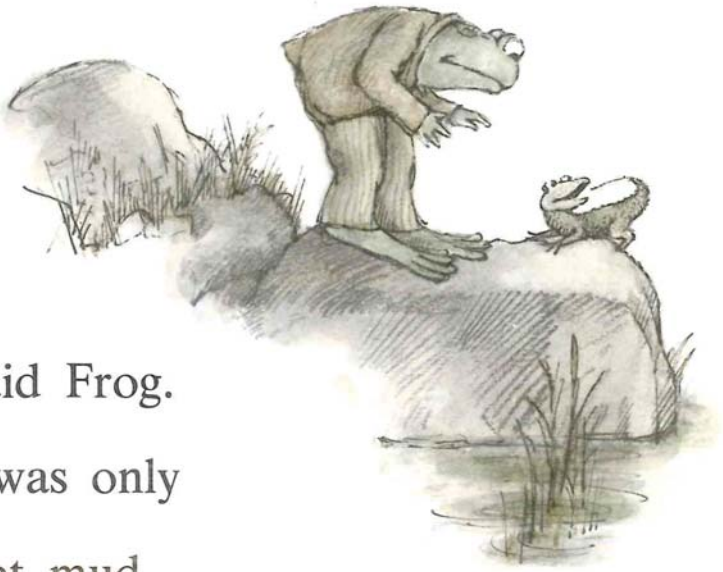


“I walked along the river
until I came to
another corner.

I went around the corner
to look for spring.”



“Was it there?” asked Toad.



“No,” said Frog.

“There was only
some wet mud
and a lizard who was chasing
his tail.”

“You must have been tired,”
said Toad.

“I was tired,” said Frog,
“and it started
to rain.”



“I went back home.

When I got there,” said Frog,

“I found another corner.

It was the corner of my house.”

“Did you go around it?”

asked Toad.

“I went around that corner, too,”

said Frog.

“What did you see?”

asked Toad.





“I saw the sun coming out,”
said Frog. “I saw birds
sitting and singing in a tree.
I saw my mother and father
working in their garden.
I saw flowers in the garden.”

“You found it!” cried Toad.



“Yes,” said Frog.

“I was very happy.

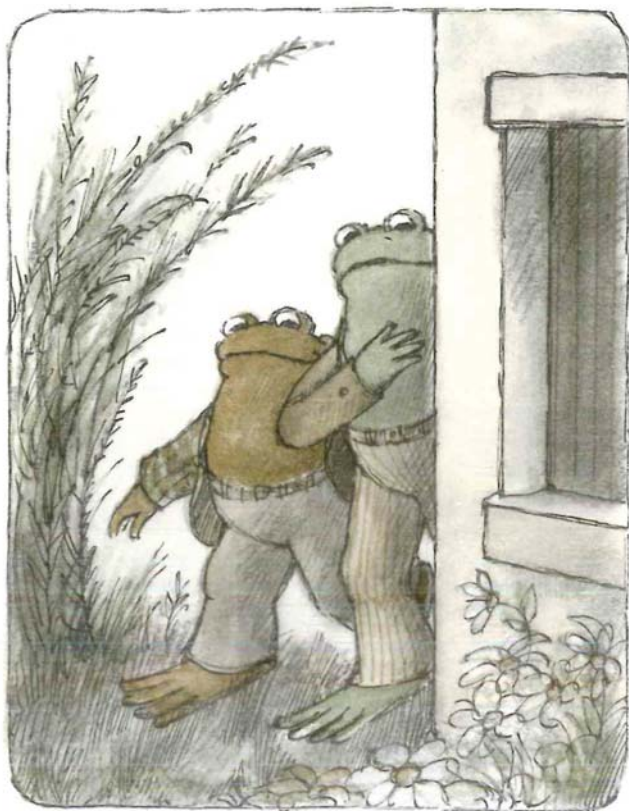
I had found the corner
that spring was just around.”

“Look, Frog,” said Toad.

“You were right.

The rain has stopped.”

Frog and Toad hurried outside.



They ran around the corner
of Frog's house
to make sure
that spring had come again.