



## A Frog in My Throat

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### About the Book

Kate and Jake are best friends till Jake's cousin Lionel shows up. Kate is devastated. Jake prefers playing with Lionel to playing with her. Who will Kate hang out with at recess now?

### About the Author

**Frieda Wishinsky** is the author of over forty trade and educational books. Her books have earned critical acclaim in magazines and newspapers around the world and have been translated into many languages, including French, Dutch, Danish, Spanish, Korean and Catalan. *Each One Special* was nominated for a 1999 Governor General's Award for text, and *Jennifer Jones Won't Leave Me Alone* won the 2004/5 UK Stockport, Portsmouth and Sheffield Children's Picture Book Awards. *Please, Louise!* (Groundwood Books) is nominated for the 2008 TD Literature Award and is the winner of the 2008 Marilyn Baille Picture Book Award.

**About the Writing**

*A Frog in My Throat* was written because the author recognized, from her own and her children's childhoods, how much pain there is in losing a special friend.

**Teaching Ideas—Curriculum Connections****Prereading Ideas**

What makes a friend special? List three special qualities you think a friend should have. If your friend lets you down, what would you do? Would talking about it to your friend help?

**Classroom Discussion Questions**

What do you like to do with your friends?

What are your favorite places to visit on a school trip? Why?

Kate and Jake love the movie “Revenge of the Ghost” (not a real movie). What are your favorite movies? Why?

Do you think boys and girls can be good friends like Kate and Jake? Do you think they can have interests in common?

**Suggested Activities**

Act out a scene with a friend from a movie you like.

Write down three things you like to do with friends and three things you like to do alone.

Turn the first chapter, “Dumb Movie,” into a little play. You’ll need three people to make the scene come alive.

**Other Titles and Websites of Interest**

*A Bee in Your Ear* (Orca Echoes)

*Dimples Delight* (Orca Echoes)

*A Noodle Up Your Nose* (Orca Echoes)

*So Long Stinky Queen* by Frieda Wishinsky (Fitzhenry and Whiteside)

**Other Books by the Author from Orca Book Publishers**

*A Bee in Your Ear*

*Dimples Delight*

*Each One Special*

*Just Call Me Joe*

*A Noodle Up Your Nose*

**Awards**

*Please, Louise!*—*Quill & Quire* Best Picture Book, Blue Spruce short list, TD Literature Award nominee

*A Noodle Up Your Nose*—Canadian Toy Council Great Book, Shining Willow nominee

*Just Call Me Joe*—CLA Book of the Year nominee, Red Cedar nominee

*Each One Special*—Governor General's Award nominee, OLA Best Bets, CCBC Our Choice starred selection, SYRCA Shining Willow Award nominee