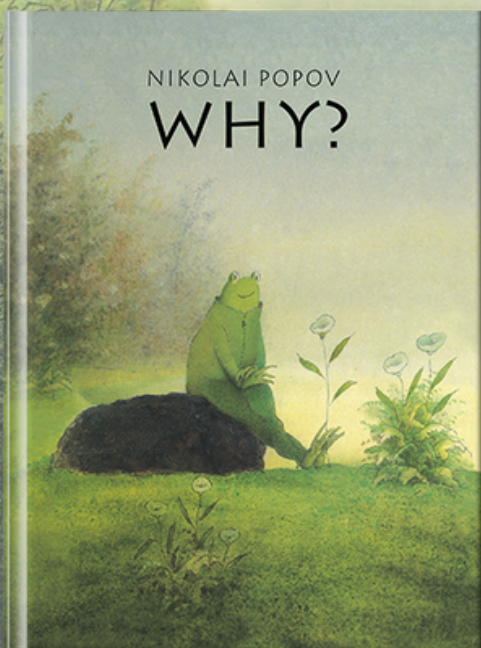


Discussion questions for WHY?

1. Turn to the title page of the book. What are some things you notice about the setting? How do you think Frog is feeling as the story begins?
2. Mouse and Frog and their friends take turns making decisions that have unexpected consequences. What do you notice about the story every time that happens?
3. Now describe the last page of the story with Frog and Mouse. How does the setting look different than when the story began? How do you think Frog and Mouse are feeling?
4. Is there a clear winner at the end of the book? Why or why not? What does this tell you about conflict and war?
5. Sometimes making the right choice during a conflict is really, really hard. List some things and feelings that probably got in the way of good decision-making for Frog and Mouse and their friends.
6. Are there any points in the story where the characters could have made different choices? What advice would you give them throughout the book? If they followed your advice how might the story have ended differently?
7. Is it ever too late to make the right choice?
8. Pretend that the last page of the story isn't the end of the book. How would you continue the story to give Mouse and Frog a happier ending?



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