

KUNG FU FROG, RIVER RIVER LAKE 青蛙大俠江河湖

* 2019 Golden Tripod Award Recommended Title

A pond of little green frogs has been invaded by a toad prince. The frogs plead with their high-jumping heroine, River River Lake, to save them. But the toad prince is so strong – how will she learn to overcome him?

River River Lake is the champion of her pond. Her long legs let her jump higher than anyone else, and she's always the first to offer her fellow frogs help in solving any problem. Life is wonderful for her and her friends, until a toad prince from a faraway lake invades the pond and starts beating everybody up! What shall they do? The other frogs beg River River Lake to help, but what can she do against such a powerful bully? Her only option is to travel far and wide and learn enough kung fu to come back and beat him.

Liu Chen-Kuo gives free rein to his signature style of off-kilter illustration in this retelling of the David and Goliath story, in which persistence and the will to help others is all that's needed to overcome selfishness and violence. Brains and heart win over brawn once again, in the world of frogs as in the world of women and men.

Liu Chen-Kuo 劉鎮國 (湯姆牛)

Originally trained as a sculptor, Liu Chen-Kuo has established himself as a household name in children's publishing over the last decade. His books have won several awards, including the White Ravens Award, the Golden Tripod Award for Best Illustration, and the Judge's Choice for the Feng Zikai Chinese Children's Picture Book Award. Liu has also been a featured illustrator at the Bologna Children's Book Fair. Look for his other titles, like *Grandma Lin's Peach Tree*, and *Calder The Artist*.



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