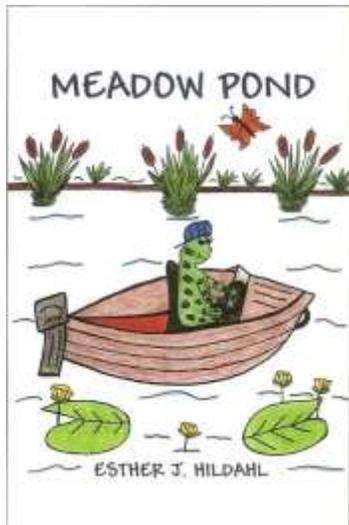


MEADOW POND

By Esther J. Hildahl



Life is great for the frogs and one turtle who live at Meadow Pond--except, of course, for the weekends when the mean Red Boat kids come to the nearby lake. Then they must stay hidden or risk being captured, never to be seen again.

But the rest of the week they are free to enjoy their pond and to explore about in their green meadow. Free, that is, until Hes-per, the giant snake from the edge of the forest, decides he wants a frog to eat!

Soon Hes-per becomes a big problem, and the frogs are too scared to leave their pond. What are they to do? What can they do?

Web, Meadow Pond's bravest frog, has an idea. Will his idea work? Will Hes-per finally go away so the frogs can be safe once again?

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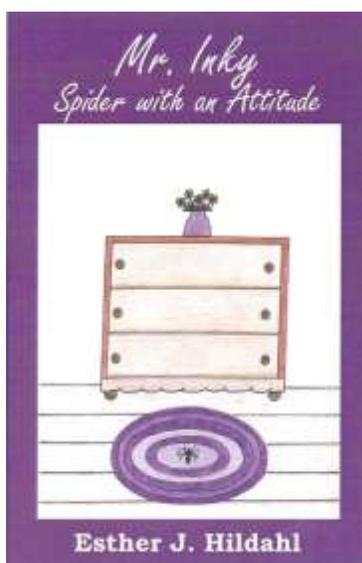
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Meet Mr. Inky--the lovable talking spider with bad grammar and an attitude. He's come to live in Vicki Wyatt's bedroom. She tries to get him to leave, even threatening him with one of her yellow flip-flops. But he refuses to go, telling her that it's "his" home, too.

Find out what happens when Vicki decides to take him to school for her science project. At first he doesn't want to go, especially in a jar. However, he finally agrees to go after Vicki makes him a promise and convinces him that he will be very safe in the classroom. But can she protect him from Rory Picklebok, the meanest kid in fifth grade? Will Mr. Inky even survive his trip to school?

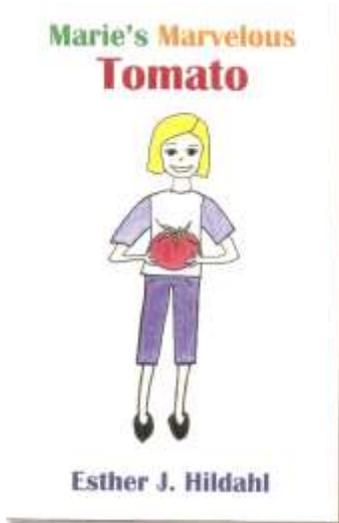
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Marie Bishkee's best friend has left town, maybe forever, and Marie has no one her own age to play with in the neighborhood.

One day, while riding her bike, she discovers a small garden full of leafy green tomato plants. Racing home, she tells her mother that she wants to grow her *own* tomatoes.

After her mother agrees to let her buy *one* tomato plant, and her grandmother shows her how to protect it from cutworms, she plants it. However, instead of many tomatoes, it produces only one, but what a *marvelous* tomato it turns out to be.

Find out what happens as Marie's tomato grows and grows and grows. Will the monster bug destroy it? Will her dreams come true? Will this be her best summer ever?

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