

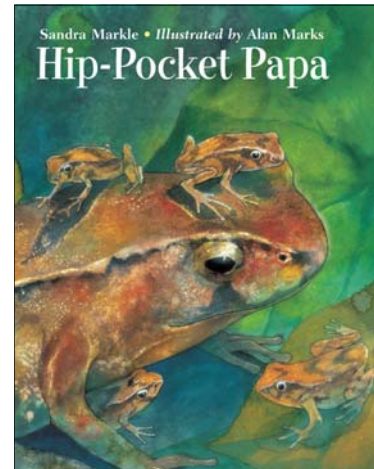


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Hip-Pocket Papa

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Little papa, big job.

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The hip-pocket frog is tiny—no bigger than a human thumbnail—but this little papa is entrusted with a big responsibility: to nurture and care for his children as they grow from tadpoles to young froglets inside the pouches on his legs. Danger lurks around every corner for the hip-pocket papa, from the boobook owl flying low to the dusky antechinus running fast across the forest floor. Follow along as this fearless father strives to see his froglets safely into the world.

Sandra Markle and Alan Marks, creators of the Boston Globe/Horn Book Honor Award–winning *A Mother’s Journey*, offer an up-close look at the miniature world of the hip-pocket frog. Alan Marks takes readers down into the leaf-littered world, brilliantly displaying the colors of the forest floor where these tiny frogs live.

Sandra Markle has written more than eighty nonfiction books for young readers, including Finding Home, Little Lost Bat, and A Mother’s Journey. Her books have been honored by ABA (Pick of the Lists), ALA (Notable Books for Children), and NSTA/CBC (Outstanding Trade Books for Children). She lives in Amberley, New Zealand.

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