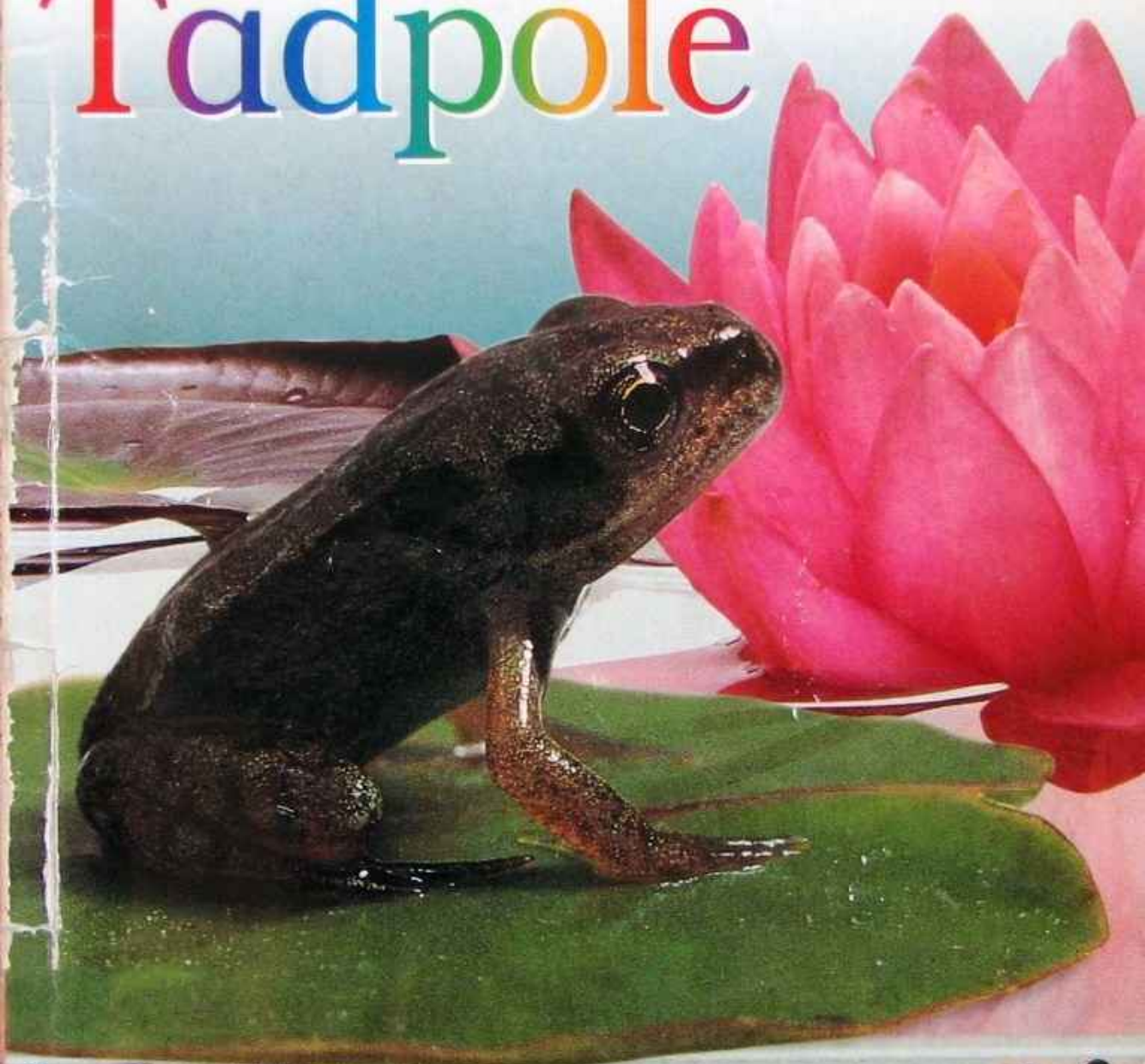


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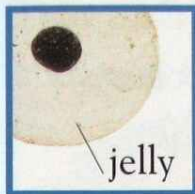
Tale of a
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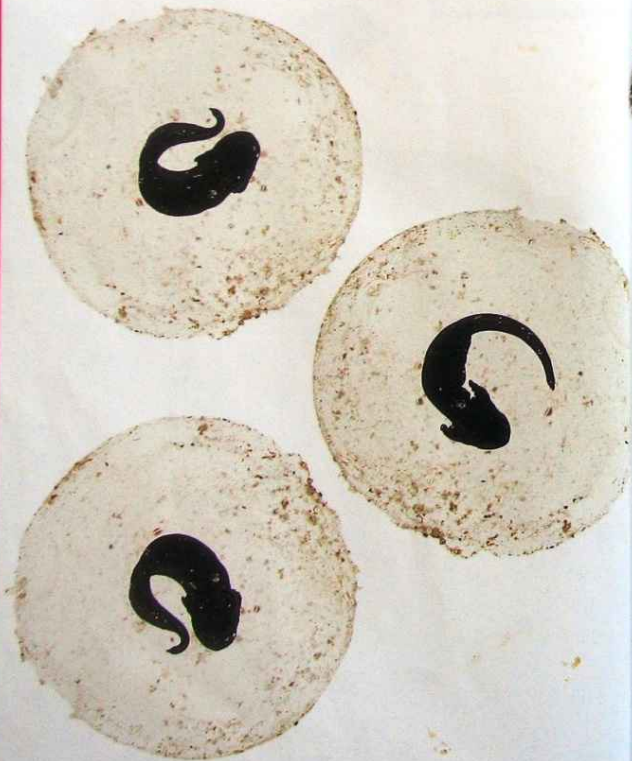
The tale of a tadpole
begins in a pond.
Mother frog lays her eggs
next to a lily pad.



Each tiny egg
is wrapped
in clear jelly.



Inside the jelly
the eggs grow into tadpoles.
They wriggle like worms.



They push through the jelly
and swim in the water.



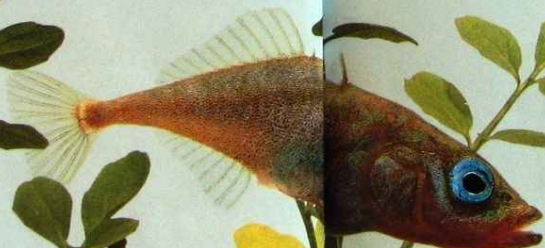
They breathe through gills,
just like fishes.



Many other animals
live in the pond.

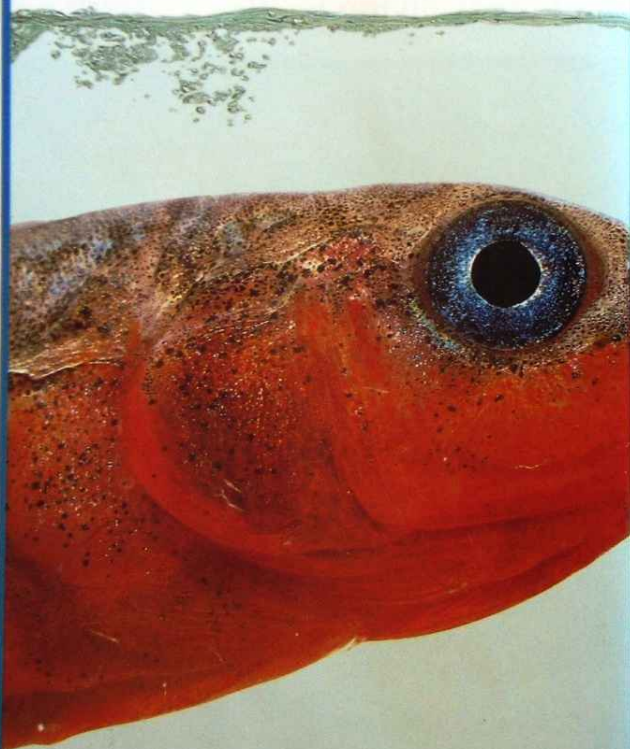


Shiny goldfish
and sticklebacks.
And great diving beetles.

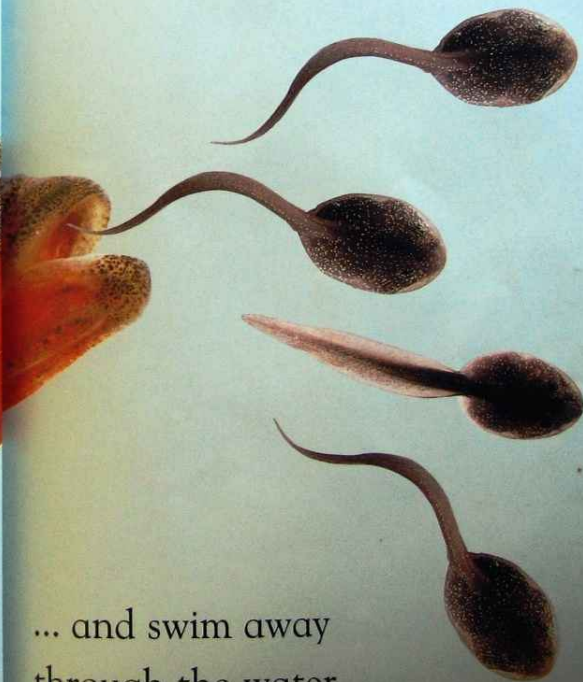


They chase the young tadpoles.

A stickleback feels hungry.
He opens his mouth wide.

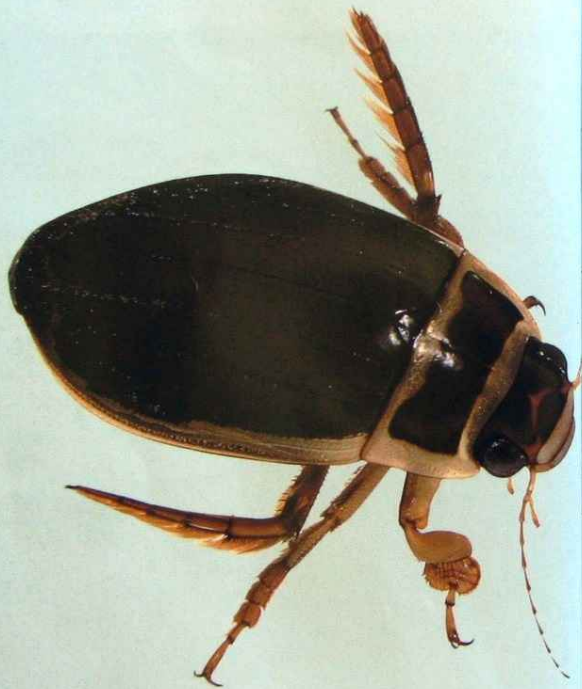


The little gray tadpoles
wiggle their tails ...

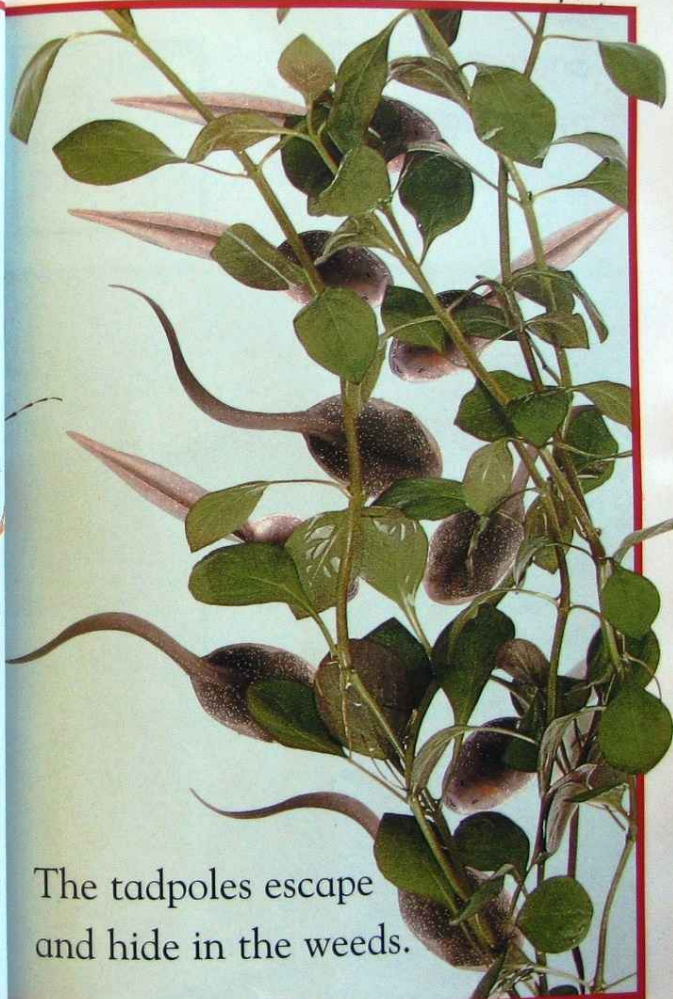


... and swim away
through the water.

A great diving beetle
feels hungry too.



His hairy back legs
beat through the water.



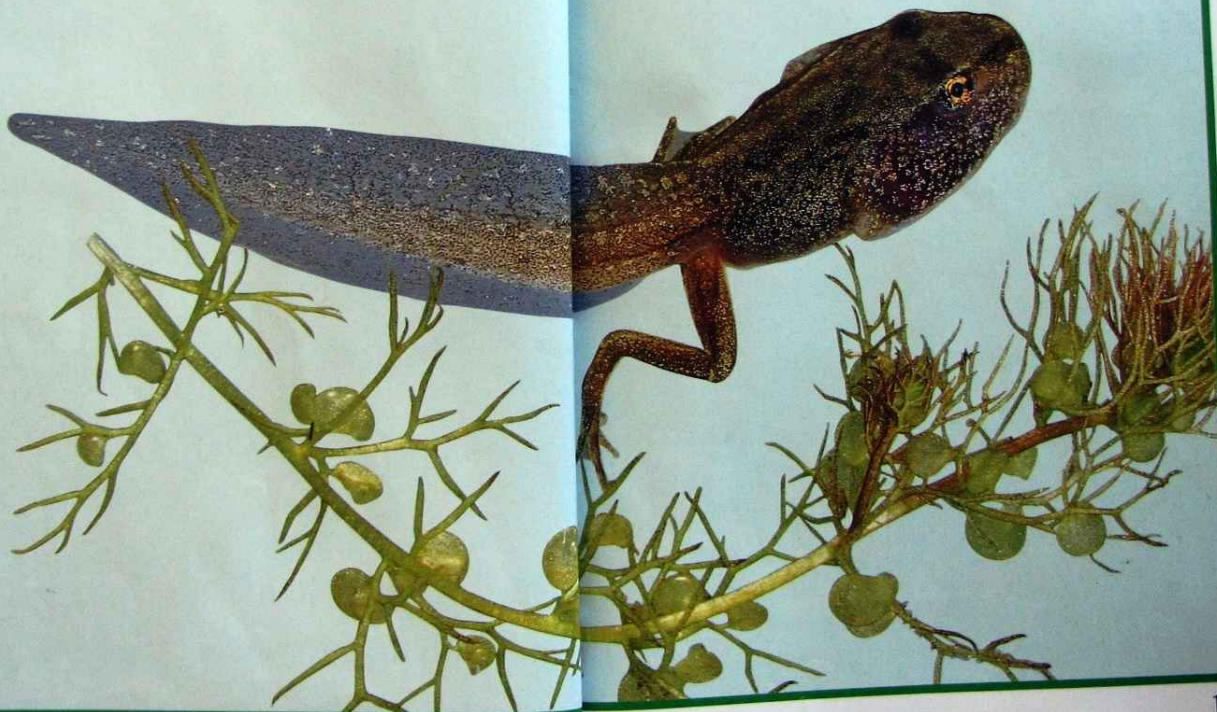
The tadpoles escape
and hide in the weeds.

Soon a tadpole
grows legs
with tiny webbed toes.

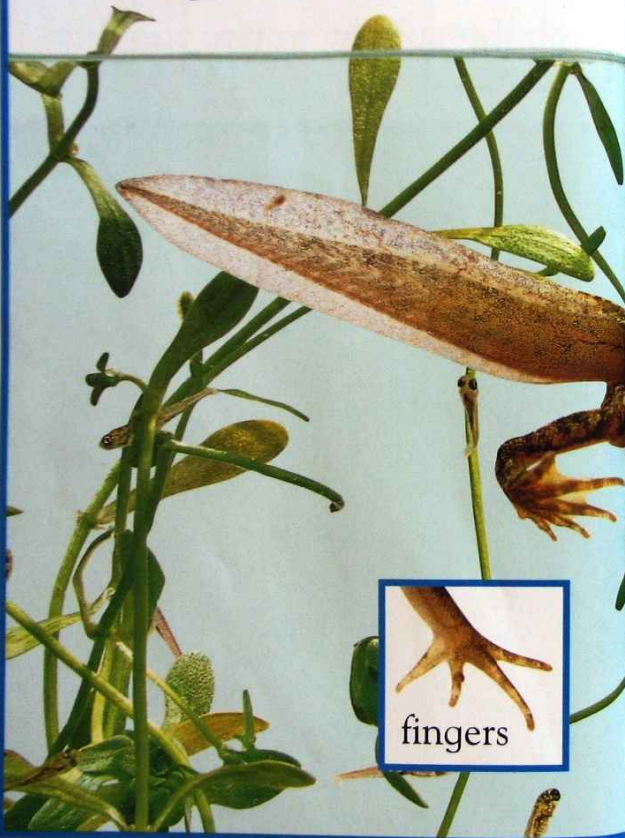


webbed
toes

Webbed toes are like flippers.
They help the small tadpole
push through the water.



He grows arms
with long skinny fingers.



fingers

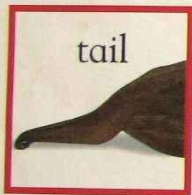
He nibbles on plants and
gobbles green pondweed.



Half tadpole, half frog,
he rests in the sunshine.



His tail is shrinking.



It gets smaller and smaller.

The new little frog
sits on a lily pad.

His legs are strong now.
He can breathe through his nostrils.
His skin is dotted
with tiny gold spots.

nostril



Frogs must keep their skin slimy.
He hops back in the pond
and swims for a while.
Then he climbs onto a log.



Another frog climbs up
and sits down beside him.

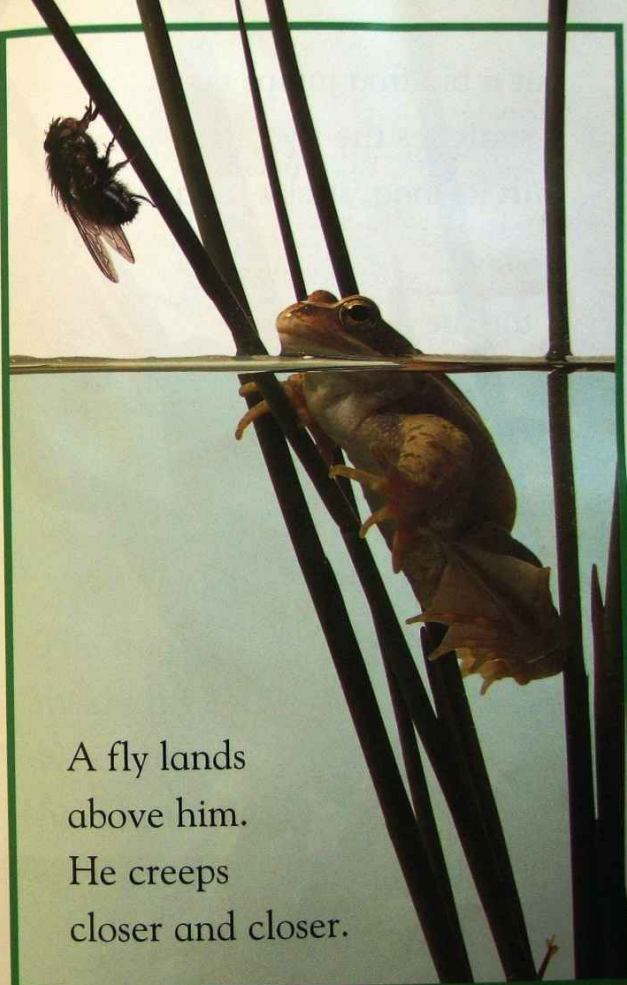


Now full-grown,
he dives through the water.

He's not afraid of the stickleback.
He swims past the beetle.

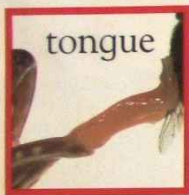


In the pond
he watches and waits.
What does he see
with his round beady eye?



A fly lands
above him.
He creeps
closer and closer.

But a big frog jumps up.
It snatches the fly
with its long, sticky tongue.



The frog
misses his meal.
Next time
he'll be faster!



The golden-skinned frog
chases a dragonfly.

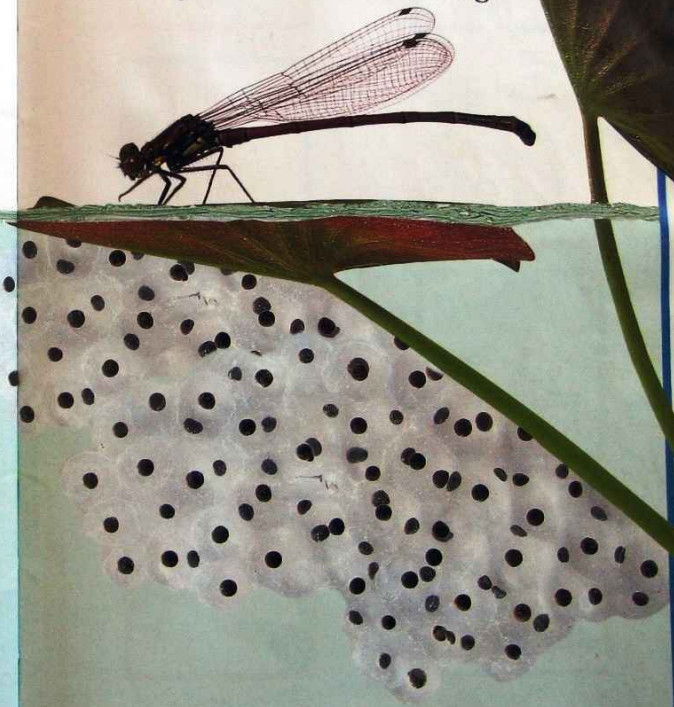
It lands on a lily pad.

Under the lily pad are
hundreds of frogs' eggs.



Inside each egg
a tadpole is growing.

Each tadpole will grow
into a golden-skinned frog.



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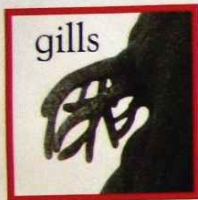
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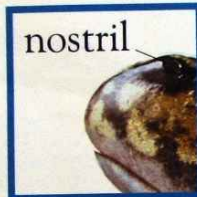
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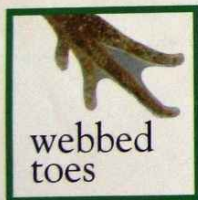
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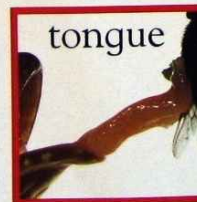
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A Day at Greenhill Farm
Truck Trouble
Tale of a Tadpole
Surprise Puppy!
Duckling Days
A Day at Seagull Beach
Whatever the Weather
Busy, Buzzy Bee

Level 2 *Beginning to Read Alone*

Dinosaur Dinners
Fire Fighter!
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!
Slinky, Scaly Snakes!
Animal Hospital
The Little Ballerina
Munching, Crunching, Sniffing, and Snooping
The Secret Life of Trees

Level 3 *Reading Alone*

Spacebusters
Beastly Tales
Shark Attack!
Titanic
Invaders from Outer Space
Movie Magic
Plants Bite Back!
Time Traveler

Level 4 *Proficient Readers*

Days of the Knights
Volcanoes
Secrets of the Mummies
Pirates!
Horse Heroes
Trojan Horse
Micromonsters
Going for Gold!