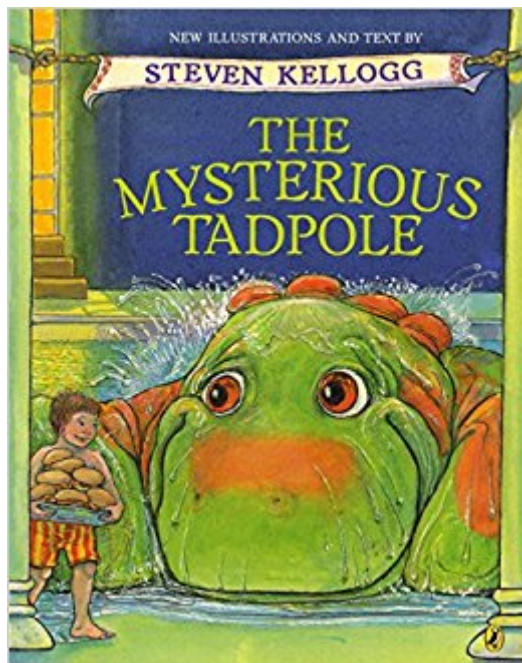


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# The Mysterious Tadpole



## Synopsis

It's Louis's birthday and Uncle McAllister has brought him a very special gift—a tadpole all the way from Scotland! Louis can hardly wait for Alphonse to grow into a frog. But it soon becomes clear that Alphonse is not turning into any ordinary frog. First Alphonse outgrows his jar, then the sink, and then the bathtub! This new edition of *The Mysterious Tadpole* boasts reimagined story twists and entirely new illustrations. The lovable giant of a tadpole has grown into something even more wonderful!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Steven Kellogg's award-winning picture book *The Mysterious Tadpole*, first published in 1977, is back with wonderful new illustrations and additional "nuances of character, sequence, and plot" in this fabulous 25th-anniversary edition. The story begins when Uncle McAllister brings a "wee bit of Scotland"—a tadpole to be precise—to Louis for his birthday. Delighted, Louis names him Alphonse and brings him to school for show-and-tell. A diet of cheeseburgers allows the creature to grow by leaps and bounds, and he soon outgrows his jar, the kitchen sink, and the bathtub. Finally, when the high school swim team learns of Alphonse's presence in their pool the hard way, Uncle McAllister gets a call: "'Oh, the wee tadpole?' he said. 'Why, he came from the lake nearby. It's the one folks call Loch Ness.'" Louis's ingenuity (he takes on a paper route to pay for his pet's burgers, and that

of his friend the librarian (she thinks they can use the aquatic Alphonse to find pirate treasure and use the money to build him his own swimming pool) are heartwarming and hilarious. Children who are attached to a pet will completely relate to Louis's devotion to his unusual new friend. Kellogg's luminous illustrations of the ever-expanding monster and bewildered townspeople are expressive, often hysterical, and full of tiny details that demand many rereadings. A treat! (Ages 4 to 8) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Several reissued titles will be welcomed by fans of their celebrated authors and artists. Louis gets the gift that keeps on giving or growing, rather in *The Mysterious Tadpole* by Steven Kellogg. The story about a boy and his burgeoning birthday present returns in a 25th-anniversary edition featuring revised text and full-color illustrations. (Aug.) Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

So, we picked up maybe a dozen books for a 3 year old nephew that was staying with us for a long weekend. Unfortunately, about 10 of them never got any attention because he insisted upon this book every time after reading it the first night! Any attempt to open another would get met with a very insistent "TADPOLE!!!" so I probably could recite this one from memory at this point. However, though reading the same book over and over can be annoying, it is a cute story and obviously a sign that kids get a kick out of it. We did send it home with him, so I'm sure by now his parents are thanking us for that :).

LOVE this cute story!

5 Stars. Steven Kellogg writes great children's books - highly recommended.

I actually purchases this book to give to the library after we lost their copy. We ended up finding it the day it was delivered so we were able to keep it. Such a great story. My daughter chooses this book a lot for her bedtime story. Definitely recommend.

Not only does this look have a fantastic storyline about a mysterious tadpole that grows into a huge cheeseburger-eating animal, but the illustrations are phenomenal. I loved Steven Kellogg as a child and his books are no less exciting as an adult. Highly recommended.

SUCH A GREAT BOOK. I love Steven Kellogg. His books make me and the kid happy at the same time. So much wonderful imagination and creativity in each one. I did I mention that this is such a great book?!?!?

Labelled as a book and toy package. Didn't come with a toy but for the low price I wasn't really expecting one.

SO happy find this gem that I remember from my childhood - such a cute story and illustrations!

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