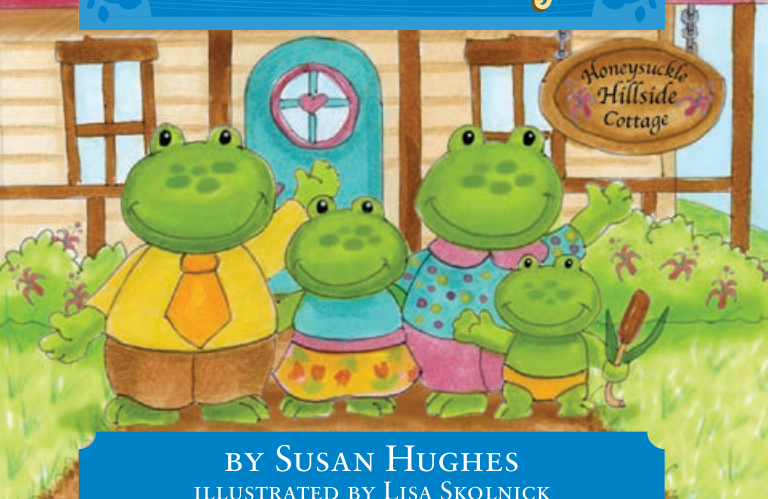


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# The Cottage Crew Saves the Day

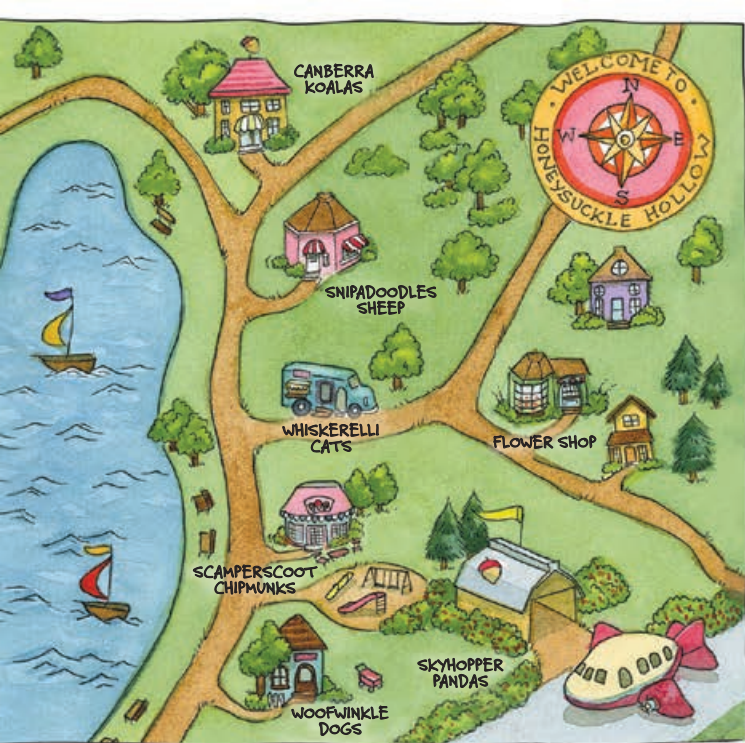


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# Welcome to Honeysuckle Hollow®

where all the woodland creatures work together  
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adventure. With their creativity, generosity and sweet  
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“Our house looks like a swimming pool!” exclaimed Hip Croakalily.

Last night, there was a big storm and Honeysuckle Hollow Pond flooded. The Croakalily’s home was full of water!



“Well, we certainly can’t  
live here anymore,”  
said her dad, Rob.

“We need to think about  
building a new cottage.”

Hip sighed. She would  
miss their old home.



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Her brother, Hop, sighed, too.


Libby and Rob Croakalily  
and their kids, Hip and Hop,  
were all packed to  
go camping today.

“I guess our camping trip is  
canceled,” said Hop, sadly.




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“Not necessarily!” said Hip.  
“We have to stay somewhere  
else while we decide what  
to do. Why don’t we camp  
nearby for now?”



So they loaded up their  
paddleboat and off they  
went to do just that!



While the Croakalilys set up camp on the other side of the pond, several woodland friends saw that the frog family's house was ruined.

“Let's build our neighbors a sturdy new cottage while they're away,” said Mimi Handydandy.

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Everyone wanted to help,  
especially the children.

“We can call ourselves  
the Cottage Crew!”  
suggested Debbie Diggadilly  
and Iris Whiffpuff.

“Let’s all meet back here  
tomorrow.”





That night, Libby Croakalily said, “Maybe we should build our new cottage up on a hill so it can never be flooded again.”

“Good idea,” Rob, Hip and Hop agreed, as they settled into their sleeping bags.



The Cottage Crew gathered  
the next morning.

“We spotted a perfect place  
to build from our lookout,”  
said the Whooswhoow owl  
family. “There on the hill,  
so the frog cottage will never  
be flooded again.”







Everyone thought the location seemed just right. But what should the cottage look like?

Together, the Cottage Crew decided: three stories, many windows, a balcony, and a porch, so the frogs could sit and enjoy a view of the pond.




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The construction project began. The Handydandy mice put up the walls and the Skyhopper Pandas worked on the roof.

The Bushytail squirrels came by with lunch for the hardworking volunteers.





That night, the Croakalilys  
roasted corn and cooked  
veggies over the campfire.

“Let’s build a tall house with  
lots of windows,” Hip said.

“And a porch and a balcony,  
so we can see the pond  
really well,” Hop said.

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In just a few more days, the Cottage Crew's construction project was done.

Now it was time to paint the cottage. What color should the Crew choose? The frog family's favorites, of course!

Blue, pink and brown.




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On their last night of camping, the frogs toasted marshmallows over the fire.

“I’d like our new house to be painted in our favorite colors,” said Libby, “blue, pink and brown.”

“Of course!” said the others.



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It was the last day of the  
Croakalilys' camping trip.

The Tidyshine turtles  
and the Swiftysweeper  
hedgehogs made sure the  
new cottage was clean  
as a whistle.

By late afternoon, the  
Cottage Crew was finished!



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Soon after, the Croakalilys returned from camping. They couldn't believe the surprise waiting for them.

“You built Honeysuckle Hillside Cottage for us?” asked Libby. “It’s exactly what we wanted. Thank you so much!”



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“That’s what neighbors do,”  
said the Cottage Crew team.  
“We’re so happy you like it!”

Then the Croakalilys invited  
the Cottage Crew families to  
enjoy the view of the pond—  
from their new balcony!



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the Croakalily frog family must build a new one.  
This means they'll have to cancel their camping trip.  
Or will they?

While Libby and Rob Croakalily and their kids,  
Hip and Hop, plan the location and look of their new cottage,  
their woodland friends are making plans of their own. What if  
they band together and try to help out? Do they know their frog  
neighbors well enough to succeed?

**Ages 3 and up**

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