

# Booktalk!

## **SLOPPY JOE**

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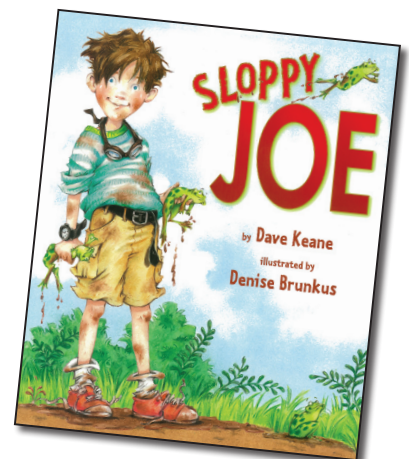
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Joe likes everything messy and dirty. Mud all over his clothes, meatballs rolling across the kitchen floor, cold grilled cheese sandwiches under his bed – well, that’s just Joe. And his pet frogs turn up everywhere in the house!

Sloppy Joe’s family has given up trying to change him into Tidy Joe. But Joe decides to change. Tomorrow he will be Neat Joe. Neat Joe showers the dog, cleans up his room, and sets the table for dinner.

But then his whole family gets the flu and is sick in bed. Joe is the only one who can help them because he is not sick. He makes soup and takes over running the house – his old messy way.

Sloppy Joe’s family realizes they love him just the way he is!



**Best for ages 4–8**