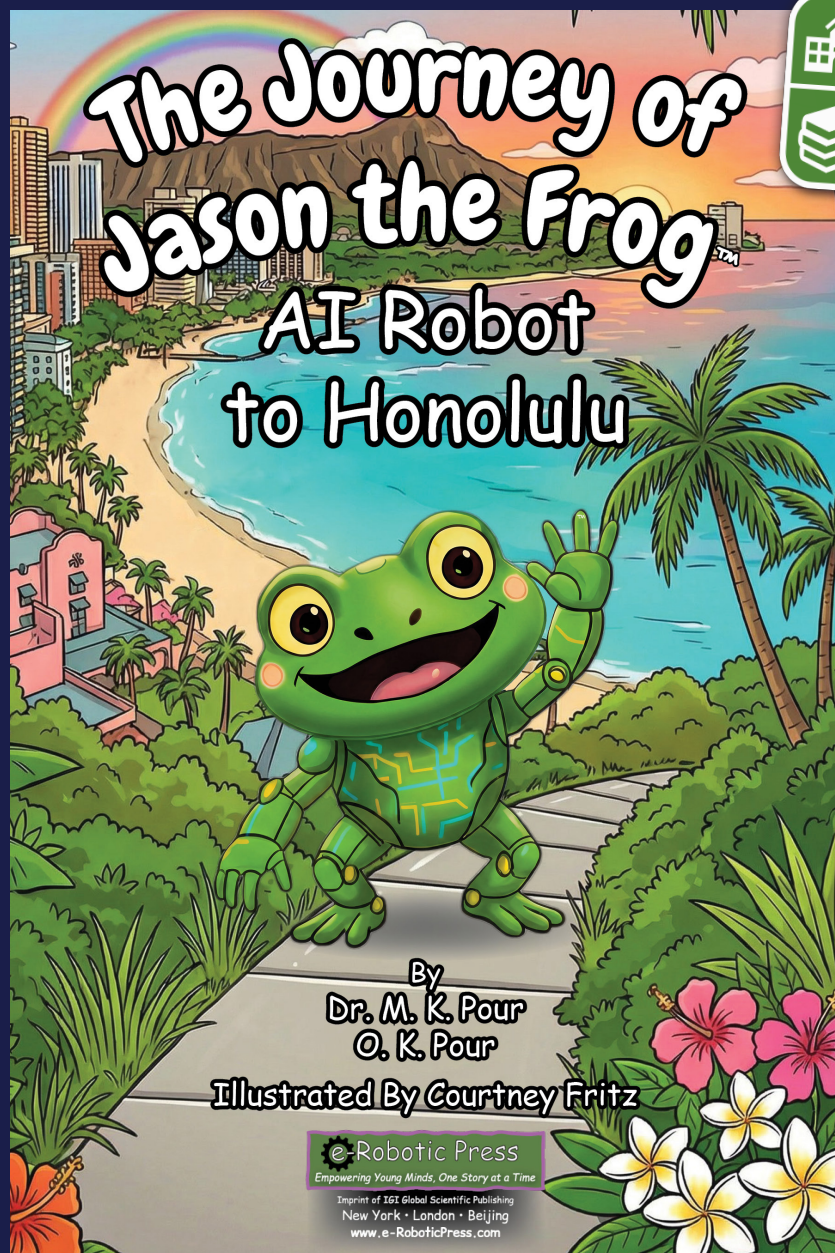


Educator Guide

Exploring Honolulu

With Jason the Frog



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Dear Readers,

In today's rapidly evolving age of artificial intelligence (AI), many children are hearing about and discussing AI without truly understanding what it is or how it works. At the same time, many parents are wondering whether their children are learning enough about AI and its far-reaching impact on their lives. In other words: *Are we preparing our children for the challenges AI presents today—and the even greater challenges it will bring in the future?*

The primary goal of **The Journey of Jason the Frog™** books is to educate children and spark their curiosity by exploring geographic landscapes while introducing them to AI's history, core concepts, real-world applications, research, careers, and the many opportunities AI systems offer.

As a former technology professor at a major state university for more than 20 years—and now as a parent of two children, ages 9 and 6—my wife and I face the same challenge as many other parents: preparing our children to navigate a world increasingly shaped by AI. It is essential to recognize that the only way our children can truly benefit from AI technologies is by developing their own intellectual and analytical abilities. AI tools are, ultimately, just that—tools created by humans to enhance productivity and improve our lives.

As parents, we must remain mindful that if we do not encourage our children to strengthen their minds, they may struggle to keep up with these systems. We certainly don't want them to become dependent on AI or allow it to think on their behalf. Encourage your children to use their own brains—to solve problems, generate ideas, and think critically—rather than relying entirely on AI to do the thinking for them.

These challenges are real, and they are not easy. But we have no alternative. We want our children to create, control, and master AI systems—not to be controlled by them. Remember: knowledge is power!

Sincerely,
Dr. M. K. Pour



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The Mission of This Educator Guide

The mission of this Educator Guide is to extend the learning experience of *The Journey of Jason the Frog*[™] book series by providing educators, librarians, and families with engaging, age-appropriate activities that deepen children's understanding of geography, artificial intelligence (AI), and critical thinking. Designed to spark curiosity and meaningful discussion, the guide encourages young learners to explore how AI works, where it appears in everyday life, and how it can be used responsibly—while reinforcing the importance of independent thinking, creativity, and problem-solving alongside technology.



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The Journey of Jason the Frog™ AI Robot to Honolulu

In *The Journey of Jason the Frog™ AI Robot to Honolulu*, young readers join Jason the Frog, an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered robot frog, on a sun-soaked adventure to Hawaii's vibrant capital city. Filled with engaging storytelling, clear definitions, fun facts, quiz questions, and an interactive activity, this book makes learning about island ecosystems, culture, technology, and city life exciting and accessible for children.

Discussion Questions

Understanding the City

1. Why was Jason the Frog excited to visit Honolulu? How does the author describe the city's beaches, mountains, and forests?
2. Honolulu is located on the island of Oahu. How do the Koolau Mountains and surrounding ocean shape the city's climate and geography?
3. Who were the first people to settle in Hawaii? How did Hawaiian kings and later the United States influence Honolulu's history?
4. The book explains that Honolulu is often called "The Gathering Place." Why do you think people from many cultures have moved there?
5. People get around Honolulu using buses, trains, bikes, and trolleys. Why might these transportation options be especially useful on an island?

Reflection and Personal Connection

1. The book warns readers not to share personal information with AI systems. Why do you think this rule is important?
2. Do you think AI will help people more in the future or cause new problems? Explain your answer using an example from the book.

Technology and Critical Thinking

1. One AI Note explains that AI saves and stores information to learn from past interactions. How is this similar to the way people learn? How is it different?
2. The book explains that some AI tools can show steps for solving math problems. Why might this be more helpful than just giving an answer?
3. One AI Note mentions that AI tools might give biased or unfair answers if they learn from unreliable sources. Why is it important to know where AI gets its information?
4. Several Future of AI sidebars describe how AI may understand text, sound, and video all at once. How might this help people learn or communicate better in the future?
5. One Future of AI sidebar explains that new tools will help people check whether pictures or videos are real. Why is this important in today's world?
6. Can you think of a way AI could help protect Hawaii's environment or natural landmarks in the future? What would it need to learn?

Research Questions

1. The book's AI Notes warn readers that AI can be incorrect. Name one technology that can give wrong information. How can people trust it?
2. Choose one AI tool or device used today at home or school. What problem was it designed to solve, and what problems might it still have?
3. Investigate who is responsible for creating and improving AI systems. What roles do humans play before, during, and after an AI system is used?
4. Select one important place in Honolulu mentioned in the book. Research how people use technology to protect, respect, or care for this place today.

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Writing and Extension Activities

AI Spotter Challenge

Reread the book and make a list of every place or situation where AI could play a role. For each example, explain how AI could help.

Jason the Frog's Advice Card

Create an "advice card" from Jason the Frog that gives three simple rules for using AI safely and wisely. Each rule should explain what to do and why it is important.

Real-World Match-Up

Choose one AI Note from the book and brainstorm a real-world example. Explain how the example is both similar to and different from the one in the book.

From Idea to Impact

Choose one AI idea mentioned in the book and draw a diagram about what happens before, during, and after the AI is used.

AI Choice Sort

Make a list of book-inspired situations. Group them into three categories: "AI Could Help," "Humans Should Lead," and "Both Together."

AI's Big Decision Journal

Write a short journal entry from an AI Note in the book explaining an important decision it helps with and why humans still need to guide or check its work.

Key Vocabulary

Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI is when we teach computers to solve problems, make decisions, or help us—almost like they have a brain of their own.

Aloha: Aloha is a Hawaiian word that means showing kindness and caring for others. People use it to say hello and goodbye.

Coastline: A coastline is where the ocean meets the land.

Polynesia: Polynesia is a group of over 1,000 islands in the southern Pacific Ocean that form a triangle.

County: A county is an area of a state that is larger than a city and has its own local government.

Catamarans: Catamarans are boats with two long floating sections that help them stay steady.

Lei: A lei is a wreath made from flowers, leaves, seashells, feathers, and more. It is a special symbol of the aloha spirit.

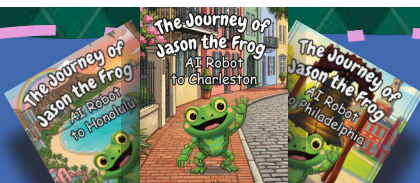
Community College: A community college is a school for adults where they can learn new skills or take classes for a shorter time and at a lower cost.

Landscape: The landscape is everything you can see from one place.

Spectacular: Something is spectacular when it looks amazing and grabs your attention.

Route: A route is the path you follow to get from where you start to where you want to go.

Wahine: Wahine is a Hawaiian word meaning a young Polynesian woman.



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AI Quiz

Instructions: Complete the quiz below based on the information provided in the book's AI Notes.

1. How can some AI tools help with math homework?

- A) They show the steps to solve problems
- B) They give only the final answer
- C) They finish the homework for you
- D) They choose problems at random

2. Why do AI models save and store information?

- A) To learn and improve over time
- B) To forget data after one use
- C) To share information with others
- D) To replace human thinking

3. What kind of information can help AI models learn?

- A) Their past user interactions
- B) Weather changes each day
- C) Random numbers and symbols
- D) Directions from textbooks

4. How can AI tools help you with projects?

- A) By organizing tasks and sharing ideas
- B) By finishing the work automatically
- C) By choosing grades for students
- D) By removing project rules

5. Why can some AI systems give unfair answers?

- A) They learn from information that is not checked
- B) They decide answers without using data
- C) They only listen to one person
- D) They are always changing their rules

6. What should people do when AI might give biased answers?

- A) Check the information carefully
- B) Believe the answer right away
- C) Ignore all AI tools
- D) Share the answer online

7. Why shouldn't you share personal information with AI systems?

- A) You may lose control over how it is used
- B) The information will be erased later
- C) Only adults are allowed to share it
- D) AI systems cannot remember details

8. How can AI help make your home "smart?"

- A) By cooking food in the kitchen
- B) By turning off lights when you leave a room
- C) By building new rooms in the house
- D) By choosing furniture for you

9. What can AI chatbots help customers do?

- A) Create new products online
- B) Get quick answers to questions
- C) Fix computers at home
- D) Design company websites

10. Why are AI chatbots useful on many websites?

- A) They change how websites look
- B) They answer questions right away
- C) They sell products by themselves
- D) They replace all human workers

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Fun With Jason the Frog

Instructions: Can you help Jason the Frog remember his Honolulu adventure?
Use the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle!

Jason the Frog's Hawaiian Crossword Puzzle

Down:

1. A tube that helps you breathe while looking at fish underwater.
2. A colorful flower necklace from Hawaii.
3. A tasty Hawaiian dish made with raw fish, rice, and veggies.
6. Riding on top of ocean waves.
7. A Hawaiian word used for hello, goodbye, and love—it's all about kindness and connection.

Across:

4. A colorful arc in the sky you can see in Hawaii.
5. A place with water all around it—Honolulu is on one.
8. A special Hawaiian dance.



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About the Authors

Dr. M. K. Pour, DBA, MS, MBA is an educator, author, and publishing leader with a lifelong passion for learning and knowledge sharing. Throughout his academic career, he has been deeply committed to helping students develop strong analytical and critical thinking skills—an approach that continues to shape his work today.

His professional life has been dedicated to advancing research, education, and ethical knowledge dissemination across disciplines. Over the course of his scholarly publishing career, he has authored and/or edited numerous peer-reviewed articles and books, including his 10-volume reference work, [*Encyclopedia of Modern Artificial Intelligence*](#). In addition, he has served as Editor-in-Chief or founding Editor-in-Chief of many respected academic journals, contributing significantly to the global scholarly community.

Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. M. K. Pour is also a devoted father of two young children. As both a longtime professor and a parent, he understands the challenges families face in preparing children for a world increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence (AI). While children hear about AI every day, many lack a clear, age-appropriate understanding of what it is, how it works, and how it should be used responsibly.

The Journey of Jason the Frog™ series was created from this dual perspective—as an educator and as a parent. The books are designed to spark curiosity, strengthen intellectual independence, and encourage children to think critically while learning about geography, technology, and the real-world applications of AI. Dr. M. K. Pour believes that AI should empower children—not replace their thinking—and that true preparation for the future begins with nurturing young minds to question, explore, and learn.

O. K. Pour, MA, MBA developed a love of reading at an early age—a passion that continues to form both her personal and professional life. As an avid traveler and lifelong learner, she firmly believes in the power of education to open doors, spark curiosity, and inspire confidence.

She holds a Bachelor degree in Accounting, a Master of Arts degree in the field of linguistics, and a Master of Business Administration. Her background in finance and business management has strengthened her leadership skills and deepened the appreciation for thoughtful planning and informed decision-making qualities that are increasingly important in a world that is being transformed by artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies. These experiences encouraged Mrs. Pour to look beyond her professional work and begin a new journey as a researcher and writer.

Writing for young readers allows her to combine the love of learning with a desire to encourage curiosity, resilience, and humanity in children. Mrs. Pour hopes that every reader walks away with something useful—whether it is a new idea, a sense of possibility, or encouragement to keep asking questions.

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An Interview With O. K. Pour

Q: What inspired you to help create *The Journey of Jason the Frog*[™] book series, and why did you feel it was important to introduce topics like AI to children?

A: The inspiration came from several aspects of my life: my professional experience as a Chief Strategy Officer at a scientific publishing house, my own continuous learning mindset, and my life as a parent watching how early my children began interacting with technology and even discussing AI among themselves.

I realized that children are growing up surrounded by AI-driven or soon-to-be AI-driven technologies, yet their understanding of them is often framed by mystery or fantasy. Jason the Frog was born from the idea that complex concepts don't have to be intimidating or abstract.

In *The Journey of Jason the Frog*[™], young readers follow a curious robot frog who learns through machine learning and needs large amounts of data to train his AI. Max, the creator's son and Jason the Frog's best friend, takes him on different adventures where they explore cities, landmarks, animals, and geography. Along the way, we include carefully curated AI notes and Future of AI sidebars to introduce AI technology at present and in its future applications. This approach gives children an understanding that AI is a tool designed by people, so they can feel empowered rather than overwhelmed.

Q: As both an author and a parent, what do you believe children need most when learning about technology and AI today?

A: Above all, children need context and a safe space to ask questions. Research shows that understanding develops best when new information is connected to real-world storytelling. From a parent's perspective, I also see how quickly children lose interest when a story fails to fully capture their attention. Blending a nonfiction narrative with just a touch of age-appropriate descriptions of technology creates a kind of combination that keeps children engaged and curious.

Young children don't need technical depth; they need a simple, foundational understanding of what technology can do, what it cannot do, and why humans must remain responsible for the choices behind it. To reinforce this sense of human control and accountability, each book includes both a warning note and an inspiration note. This approach is especially important when introducing AI, as children should be reminded that creativity, empathy, and judgment are uniquely human qualities and that technology is most effective when guided by these traits.

Lastly, AI is not a passing trend. Despite some skepticism or denial, AI is here to stay, and it will become an integral part of our children's lives. Preparing them with understanding and ethical awareness is not an option, it is a necessity.

Q: The books encourage curiosity and critical thinking. How can parents and educators use stories like Jason the Frog to help children ask better questions about the world around them?

A: The stories of Jason the Frog create a safe space for learning, not only in the field of technology, but also across subjects such as domestic and international travel, biology, archaeology, and space exploration (with many more topics to come!). When children follow a character like Jason the Frog, they naturally begin to understand that the world is a big place, and that it takes many different kinds of people and technology to make it function.

To support this learning, we have developed free supplemental materials for parents and educators that offer guidance on how to use *The Journey of Jason the Frog™* at home or in classroom settings. Both parents and teachers are encouraged to pause during or after the story to ask open-ended questions, such as:

- What do you think would happen if the technology worked differently?
- Why is the city we are reading about called "XYZ?" How does the book show how the city's past and present exist together today?
- How do food, celebrations, or sports help people feel connected to the city?

These discussions don't require right or wrong answers. Their purpose is to help children think critically about what they are reading by questioning assumptions, considering alternatives, and making connections across different subjects.

Q: What is one misconception about AI that you think is especially important to clarify for young learners?

A: In my opinion, one of the most important misconceptions to address is the idea that AI "thinks" or "decides" independently like a human. AI is not capable of these skills, at least not yet, if ever. For young learners, it is crucial to understand that AI doesn't have emotions, intentions, or morals. It doesn't "know" things the way people do, it follows instructions and patterns created by humans. When this distinction isn't clear, children overestimate AI's abilities and underestimate human responsibility. By clarifying that people design, train, and guide AI systems, we help children understand accountability and ethics. They learn that technology reflects human choices and that those choices matter.

Q: What do you hope readers take away from reading this book series, not just about AI, geography, or animals, but about learning itself?

A: Across our books, we touch on many topics including conservation of landmarks and endangered animal species, emerging careers that do not yet exist, and the evolving relationship between people, technology, and the planet to reinforce the idea that the future is not something to fear, but something to embrace. More than anything, I hope young readers take away the idea that learning is an ongoing journey, not a final destination. Whether they are learning about AI, geography, or a completely different subject, the habit of curiosity will serve them for life. I also hope they come away with confidence that big ideas are accessible, that learning is a privilege, and that each of them have a role to play in shaping the future of the world.

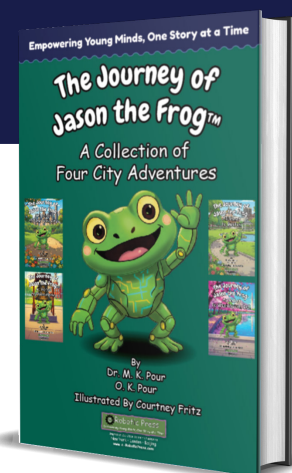
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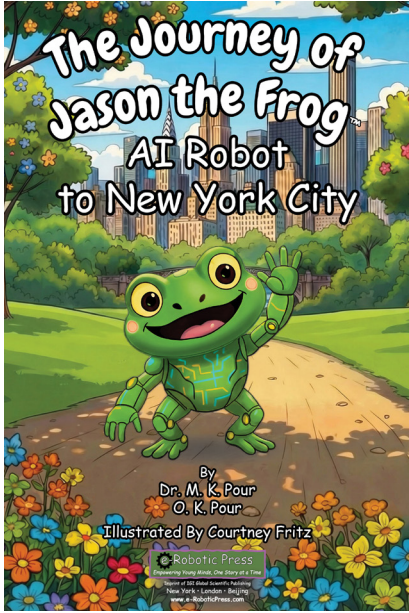
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“As a mother of two young boys, it can be difficult to find books that strike the perfect balance between engaging characters and facts that are meaningful, interesting, and educational. The Journey of Jason the Frog books do exactly that, while also making travel and learning feel exciting, approachable, and fun for children.”

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“Our whole family loves this series. Navigating AI is hard enough as an adult—trying to explain it to kids is a whole different challenge. Jason’s journey makes everything feel fun, clear, and surprisingly easy to understand. We’ve really enjoyed it and found it genuinely helpful.”

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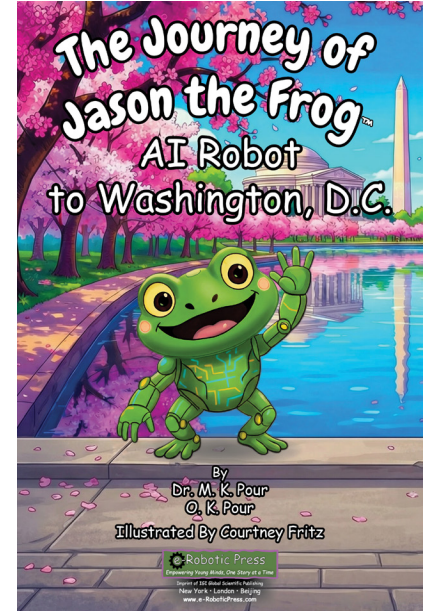
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“As a homeschool mom, I think this book is excellent! It provides a lot of information about Rome and AI at a level that kids can understand. It’s well organized, and the characters are fun. The artwork is very well done, and my grandkids love looking through the pictures and finding details. I would use these books as an elementary geography course.”

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“Finally something with real substance, not just pointless storyline. My child loved the book. The AI notes and Did you know? sections led to deep meaningful conversations we wouldn’t have had otherwise. It turned reading time into learning time in the best way. Quality is great too, bright illustrations and cute characters. Highly recommend!”

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“I bought this book to try it out, as my child has been asking a lot of questions about AI, and I’m glad I did! The book is very educational and engaging, with interesting facts about cities and landmarks. It’s also not just a one-time read—kids can come back to it and keep learning. I’m definitely planning to order more from this series. Highly recommend!”

—Amazon Review

“I just finished reading Jason the Frog to Washington, D.C. with my kids, and I absolutely loved it! The story is charming and educational, and Illustrations are vibrant. The bonus AI Quiz at the end had us all laughing, some of the answers were hilarious. A wonderful book that keeps kids engaged!”

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