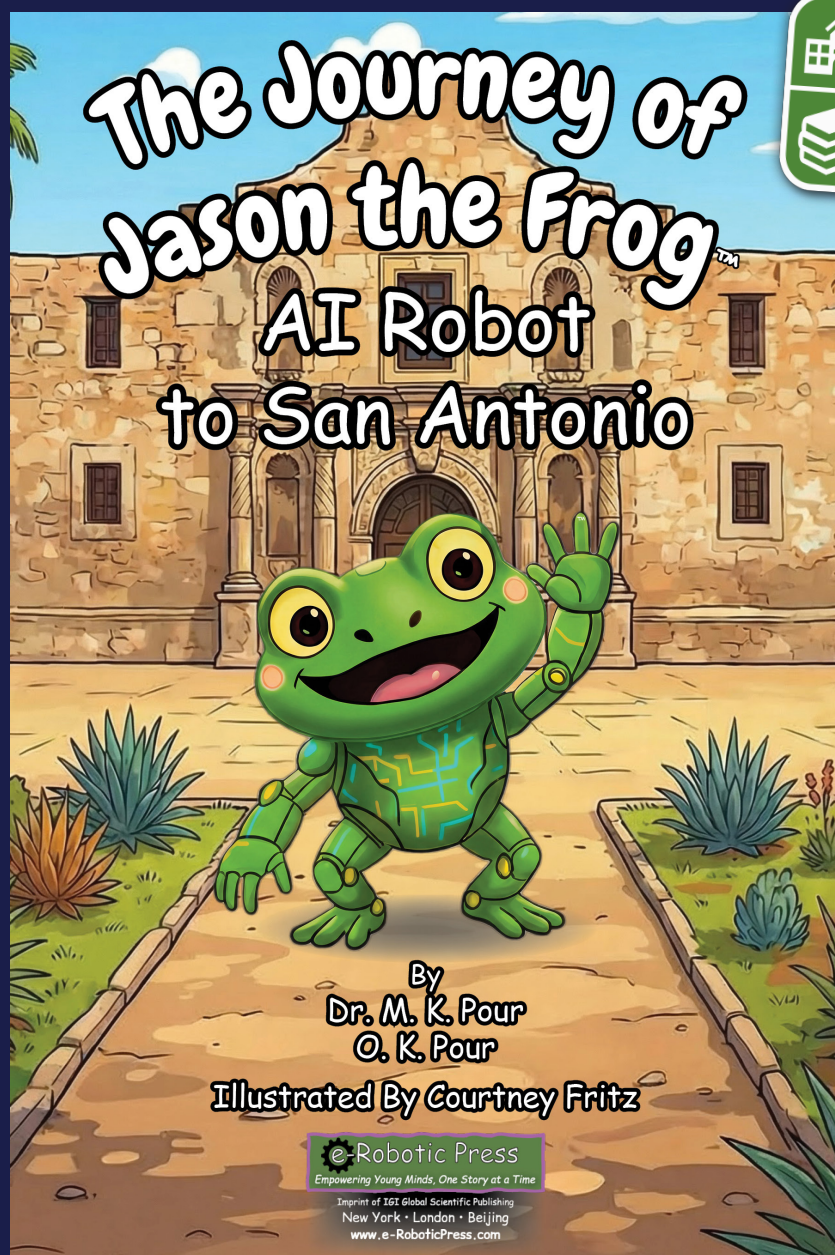


Educator Guide

Exploring San Antonio 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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—Amazon Review



The Journey of Jason the Frog™ AI Robot to San Antonio

In *The Journey of Jason the Frog™ AI Robot to San Antonio*, young readers join Jason the Frog, an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered robot frog, on a lively exploration of one of America's most colorful and historic cities. Filled with engaging storytelling, clear definitions, fun facts, quiz questions, and an interactive activity, this book makes learning about history, government, culture, and technology exciting and accessible for children.

Discussion Questions

Understanding the City

1. Why was Jason the Frog surprised by San Antonio's landscape? How does the San Antonio River influence the city's environment and attractions?
2. Who lived in the San Antonio area before Spanish settlers arrived? How did Spanish, Mexican, and American history shape the city?
3. Why is San Antonio called "Military City USA?" How does the military influence life in San Antonio today?
4. What makes the San Antonio River Walk special compared to other city walkways? Why do you think it is such a popular attraction?
5. Why is San Antonio considered a car-dependent city? How does this affect how people travel compared to cities with subways?

Reflection and Personal Connection

1. Jason the Frog is an AI robot, but he has feelings and opinions. Why do you think the author chose an AI character to tell the story?
2. Do you think AI makes everyday life easier, harder, or both? Use examples from the book for support.

Technology and Critical Thinking

1. One AI Note explains that AI can "hallucinate" or give incorrect answers. Why is it important to double-check AI information?
2. The book mentions early machines called "automata." Why do you think people have always tried to build machines that act like humans?
3. Several Future of AI sidebars describe ways AI could improve society, such as healthcare monitoring, organizing information, or designing safer roads. Which ideas do you find most helpful? Why?
4. How does AI help with waste collection, smart security systems, or transportation planning? Why are these especially important in large cities?
5. The Future of AI sidebars often mention jobs that humans will still do. Why do you think people will remain important even as AI becomes more advanced?
6. How could AI be helpful during big events like *Fiesta San Antonio* or the Stock Show and Rodeo?
7. The book explains that AI systems use sensors, data, and rules to make decisions. Why is it important for humans to decide how AI is programmed and what limits it should have?

Research Questions

1. Research a real way AI is used in cities, such as trash collection or transportation. How is it similar to the AI examples Jason the Frog shares in the book?
2. Research a job that involves fixing, setting up, or managing technology. Why does this job show that humans are still important when using AI?
3. Find out why AI sometimes gives incorrect answers. Explain why people should check any information given to them by AI instead of trusting it right away.
4. Pick a famous San Antonio landmark and research whether AI is used to help maintain, protect, or manage it.

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Writing and Extension Activities

AI City Helper

Design an AI to help San Antonio. What problem would it solve (traffic, tourism, safety, water use)? What data would it need?

AI Claim Checker

Choose one AI Note or Future of AI sidebar from the book. Write a short paragraph explaining how you would check if the information is correct.

Create Your Own Future of AI Sidebar

Write your own Future of AI sidebar that could be added to the book. Explain one new way AI could help people in a city like San Antonio in the future.

Future of AI Letter

Choose one Future of AI sidebar from the book. Write a friendly letter from Jason the Frog to a student in the future explaining why this AI idea is helpful.

AI in Everyday Life

The book includes an AI Note about smart bins and saving fuel. Write a few sentences explaining how AI could help your school or neighborhood stay clean.

Design a Smart Neighborhood

Design a smart neighborhood using technology or AI, and explain how it helps people and stays under human control.

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.

Square Miles: Square miles measure how large an area is. One square mile is a square that is one mile long on each side.

Showcase: Showcase means to show something in a way that makes it look special or important.

Aquifer: An aquifer is an underground layer of rock that holds water like a sponge.

Roving: Roving means traveling from place to place.

Fiesta San Antonio: Fiesta San Antonio is an 11-day celebration that highlights San Antonio's cultural history.

Scenery: Scenery refers to the natural or human-made things you can see around you.

Stalactites and Stalagmites: Stalactites are mineral formations that hang from cave ceilings while stalagmites rise from the cave floor.

Masa Dough: Masa dough is a dough made from ground corn. It's used in many Latin American foods.

Healthcare Healthcare focuses on caring for the human body when it is sick or injured.

Amalgamation: Amalgamation means mixing different things together.

Livestock: Livestock are farm animals raised for work or food.

Tourist Attraction: A tourist attraction is a place people visit on vacation that has cultural, historical, or natural importance.

Professional: Professional means someone who plays a sport for money.



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AI Quiz

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

1. How does the book define artificial intelligence (AI)?

- A) Machines that follow strict rules only
- B) Computers that can learn and help people
- C) Robots that look exactly like humans
- D) Programs that control buildings and roads

2. How does AI help improve waste collection?

- A) It uses data from smart bins
- B) It replaces trash truck drivers
- C) It builds larger trash containers
- D) It picks up trash by itself

3. What does it mean when an AI system “hallucinates?”

- A) It gives incorrect or surprising answers
- B) It creates stories for fun
- C) It learns faster than expected
- D) It copies human behavior

4. According to the book, what were automata?

- A) Early machines that acted like living things
- B) Modern robots powered by computers
- C) AI programs used in cities today
- D) Smart devices connected to the internet

5. What kind of stories do some movies and TV shows tell about AI?

- A) Stories about robots that act like real humans
- B) Stories about kids using computers for homework
- C) Shows where technology helps hospitals
- D) Movies about video games becoming popular

6. How does AI help smart planters care for plants?

- A) By adjusting watering and light automatically
- B) By growing flowers without soil
- C) By replacing gardeners completely
- D) By decorating public spaces

7. What does the invention called FOODres.AI do?

- A) It turns food waste into useful products
- B) It prints food to be eaten later
- C) It throws away extra food safely
- D) It cooks meals using a printer

8. What information do smart planters use to water plants?

- A) Light, humidity, and temperature
- B) Book instructions and manuals
- C) Wind speed only
- D) Time and calendar dates

9. What does artificial general intelligence (AGI) mean?

- A) A computer that can think and learn
- B) A robot that only follows simple instructions
- C) A machine that fixes problems by itself
- D) A program that controls computers

10. Why is FOODres.AI helpful to the environment?

- A) It reuses food waste
- B) It makes food look more colorful
- C) It cooks food more quickly
- D) It stores extra food safely

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Fun With Jason the Frog

Instructions: Can you help Jason the Frog remember his San Antonio adventure?
Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle!

**Jason the Frog's
San Antonio Crossword Puzzle**

Down:

1. A popular Tex-Mex food you can fold and fill.
4. Historic mission where an important Texas battle happened.
5. Underground caves like the Natural Bridge _____.
6. A beautiful path along the river with shops and restaurants.
8. San Antonio's NBA team.
10. An event with cowboys, livestock, and competitions.

Across:

2. A slow-cooked meat often eaten on Sundays in San Antonio.
3. The state where San Antonio is located.
7. An 11-day celebration in San Antonio.
9. Historic _____ Square is a Mexican-inspired shopping area.



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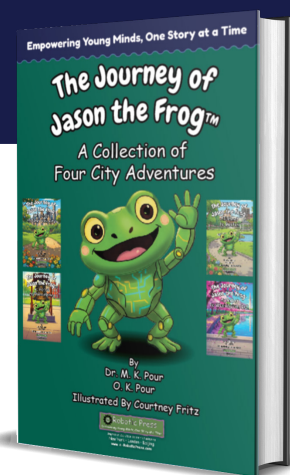
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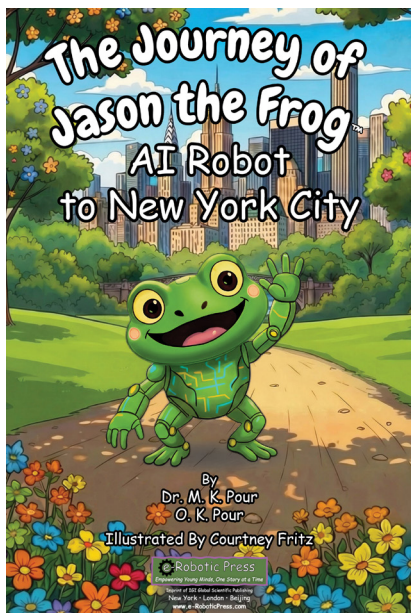
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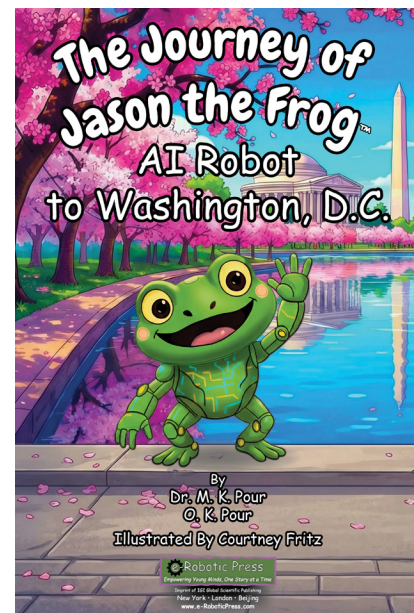
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“As a homeschool mom, I think this book is excellent! It provides a lot of information about Rome and AI at a level that kids can understand. It’s well organized, and the characters are fun. The artwork is very well done, and my grandkids love looking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

—Amazon Review

“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!”

—Amazon Review



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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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