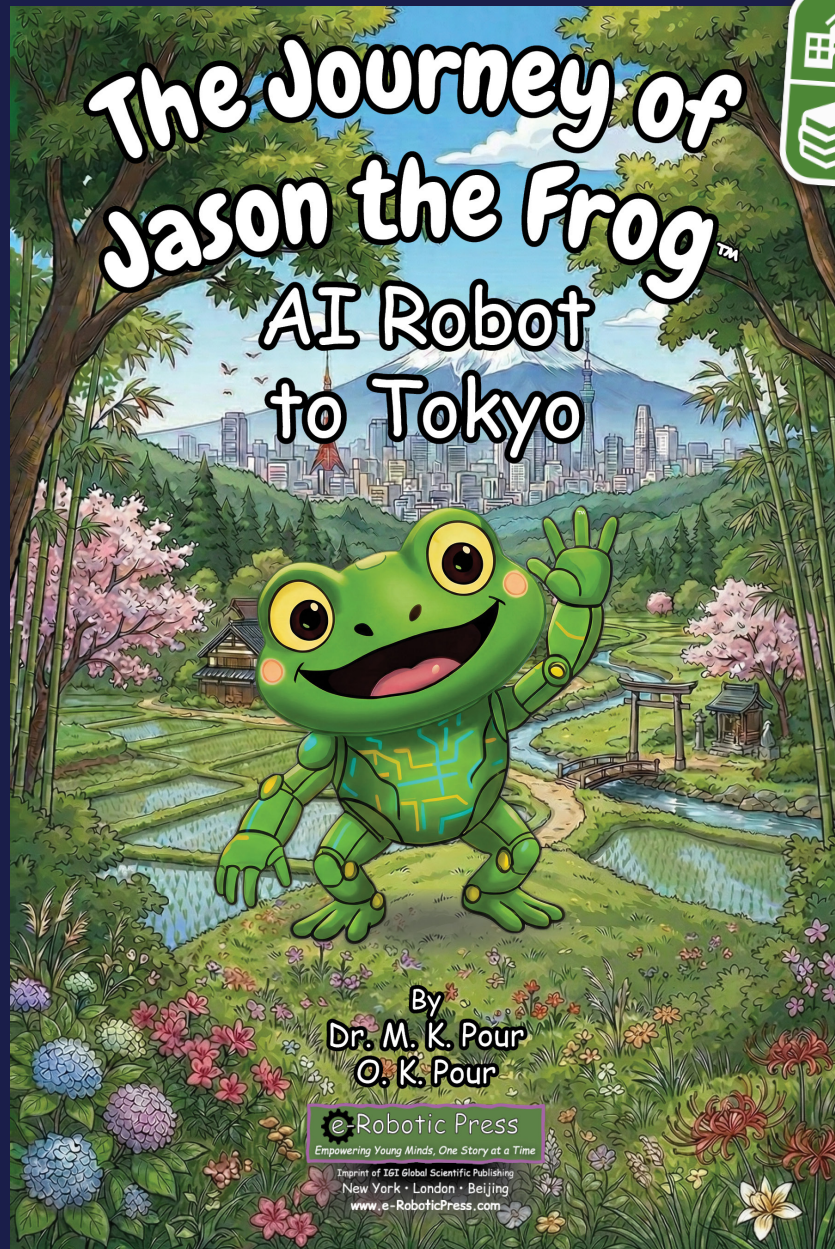


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Exploring Tokyo

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 Tokyo

In *The Journey of Jason the Frog™ AI Robot to Tokyo*, young readers join Jason the Frog, an artificial intelligence (AI)-powered robot frog, on a fast-paced adventure to one of the world's most exciting cities. Filled with engaging storytelling, clear definitions, fun facts, quiz questions, and an interactive activity, this book makes learning about nature, culture, technology, and city life exciting and accessible for children.

Discussion Questions

Understanding the City

1. Tokyo is described as a “megacity.” What does this mean, and what details from the book help show how large and busy Tokyo is?
2. Where is Tokyo located, and how does its position near tectonic plates affect life in the city?
3. How did Tokyo change from a small fishing village called Edo into Japan's capital city?
4. The book explains that people in Tokyo speak many languages. Why do you think Tokyo attracts people from around the world?
5. Why is public transportation so important in Tokyo? How do subways, trains, and walking paths help the city run smoothly?

Reflection and Personal Connection

1. Tokyo mixes technology with ancient traditions. Why do you think it is important for societies to preserve traditions while adopting new technology?
2. If you could visit Tokyo, which place from the book would you want to see first? What makes it interesting to you?

Technology and Critical Thinking

1. Jason the Frog explains AI as teaching computers to solve problems like humans. What are some examples of AI uses mentioned in the book?
2. One AI Note describes how schools use AI tools to check if essays were written by students or AI. What are the benefits and concerns of using AI this way?
3. Several Future of AI sidebars describe helpful inventions, such as digital retinas or animal–human communication. Which one interested you most, and why?
4. How might AI-powered transportation or traffic systems improve daily life in a crowded city such as Tokyo?
5. One AI Note warns that relying too much on AI can weaken memory and creativity. Why is it important for people to keep practicing problem-solving skills on their own?
6. How does Jason the Frog, an AI character, help readers understand both the strengths and limits of AI?

Research Questions

1. Choose one Future of AI sidebar from the book (such as digital retinas or AI in farming). How close are scientists to making this idea real today?
2. Research how public transportation works in Tokyo. Why is it considered one of the best transit systems in the world?
3. Pick one Tokyo landmark. How is technology or AI used to manage, protect, or improve it?
4. Research a way AI is currently used in Japan (robots, healthcare, disaster prediction, or education). How does it compare to the examples in the book?

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Writing and Extension Activities

AI Travel Guide

Design an AI travel assistant for Tokyo. What places would it recommend, and how would it help visitors stay safe and organized?

AI vs. Human Responsibilities Chart

Create a chart showing tasks that AI could handle in a city like Tokyo and tasks that should always be managed by people. Explain your choices.

Create Your Own Future of AI Sidebar

Write your own Future of AI sidebar that could be added to the book. Describe a new way AI could help people in 10, 50, or 100 years.

Future of Tokyo Journal Entry

Write a journal entry set 20 years in the future. Describe how AI has changed daily life in Tokyo, including transportation, schools, or homes.

Technology Opinion Paragraph

Answer this question: *Should AI be allowed to make important decisions for cities?* Use examples from the book to support your opinion.

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.

Computer Science: Computer science is the study of how computers work and how we use them to solve problems, such as making apps, games, and programs.

Paleolithic: The Paleolithic was the earliest time in human history, when people used stone tools and lived as hunters and gatherers.

Official Language: An official language is the main language a government uses for laws and public business.

Enshrine: To enshrine something means to place it somewhere special and protected.

Tectonically Active Area: A tectonically active area is a place where Earth's tectonic plates move often, causing earthquakes and volcanoes.

Obon Season: Obon season is a summertime tradition in Japan when families remember and honor loved ones who have passed away. People light lanterns, visit graves, and celebrate together.

Metropolis: A metropolis is a very large and important city that influences nearby regions, countries, and even the world.

Sumo: Sumo is a traditional Japanese wrestling sport where competitors try to push each other out of a ring called the *dohyō*.

Hot Pot: A hot pot is a shared meal where food is cooked together in a pot of hot broth at the table.

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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 pretending to be alive
- B) Computers following human orders
- C) Teaching computers to solve problems
- D) Robots that replace humans

2. How do some school and public libraries use AI?

- A) To write new books for young readers
- B) To analyze book usage and guide decisions
- C) To replace librarians at information desks
- D) To decorate reading rooms digitally

3. Why do some schools use AI tools on student essays?

- A) To improve student handwriting skills
- B) To grade essays without human teachers
- C) To determine if it was written by AI or students
- D) To translate essays into other languages

4. How do AI-enabled security cameras help improve safety?

- A) They record videos only for later review
- B) They make buildings look more modern
- C) They store footage on personal devices
- D) They detect unusual behavior

5. How is AI used when making video games?

- A) To create NPCs that respond intelligently to players
- B) To choose the physical design of game controllers
- C) To limit how long players can play
- D) To replace all human game developers

6. What is one possible risk of relying too much on AI?

- A) It causes computers to stop working correctly
- B) It reduces creative thinking
- C) It makes people unable to use technology
- D) It increases screen brightness automatically

7. How do AI-driven nutrition apps help users?

- A) They order food from nearby restaurants
- B) They suggest random meals for fun
- C) They create meal plans based on health needs
- D) They teach users how to cook faster

8. How does AI help filmmakers using virtual reality?

- A) By replacing all actors with robots
- B) By editing movies without cameras
- C) By selecting movie soundtracks automatically
- D) By creating digital environments

9. What happens when AI security systems detect a problem?

- A) They send messages to nearby computers
- B) They shut down all building entrances
- C) They alert operators to potential threats
- D) They change camera colors instantly

10. How does AI help people analyze a lot of data?

- A) By guessing answers without using data
- B) By making decisions based only on emotions
- C) By processing patterns faster than humans can
- D) By replacing the need for any human thinking

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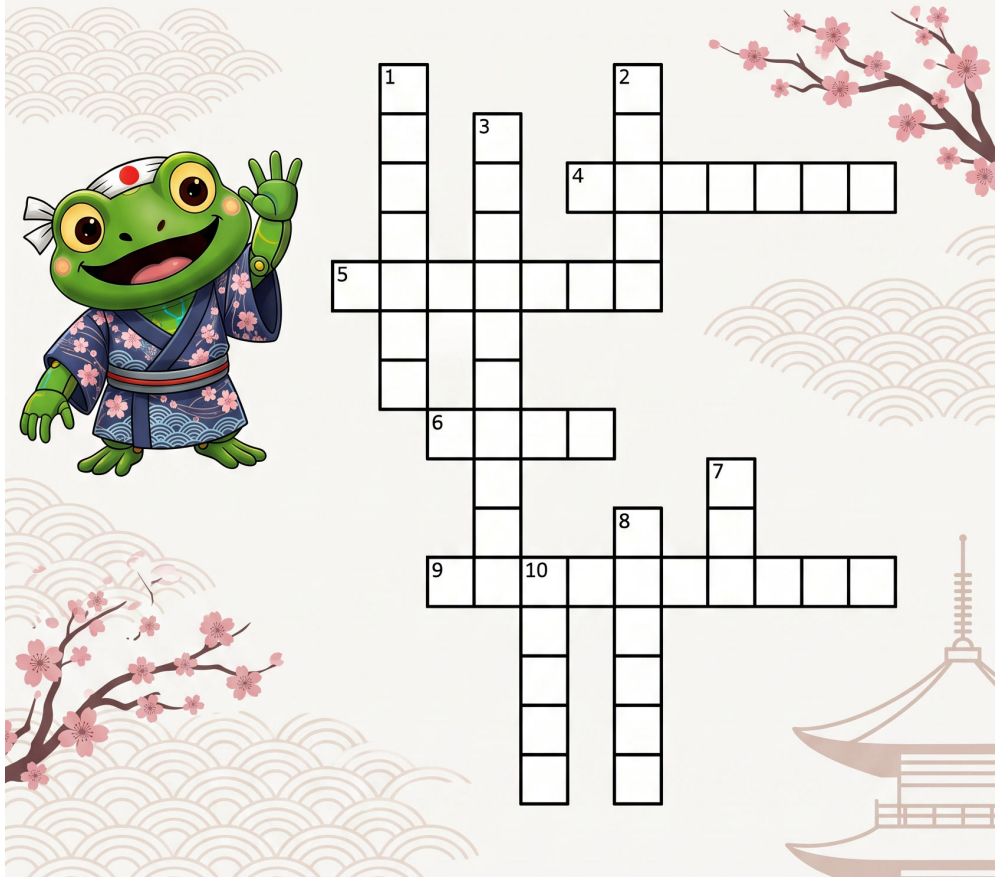
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Fun With Jason the Frog

Instructions: Can you help Jason the Frog find all the words from his Tokyo adventure? Look closely!

Jason the Frog's Tokyo Puzzle



Down:

1. A fish-shaped sweet treat
2. A fast way to travel in Tokyo
3. Shaking ground caused by moving plates
7. Tokyo's old name long ago
8. Japan's main island
10. The capital city of Japan

Across:

4. A warrior from Japan
5. A glowing light used at festivals
6. A sport where wrestlers push each other out of a ring
9. A very large and important city



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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.

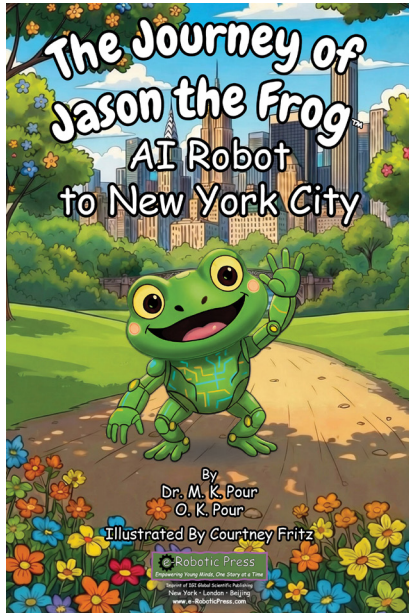
Q: What do you hope readers take away from reading this book series, not just about AI, geography, or animals, but about learning itself?

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.

*Dedicated to
Darius and Cyrus
for all their love.*



Praise for *The Journey of Jason the Frog™*



ISBN: 9781971794006

“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.”

—Amazon Review

“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.”

—Amazon Review



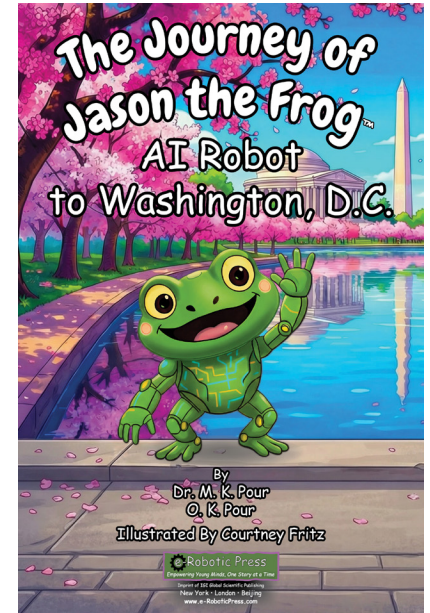
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“As a homeschool mom, I think this book is excellent! It provides a lot of information about Rome and AI at a level that kids can understand. It’s well organized, and the characters are fun. The artwork is very well done, and my grandkids love looking 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



ISBN: 9781971794044

“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!”

—Amazon Review

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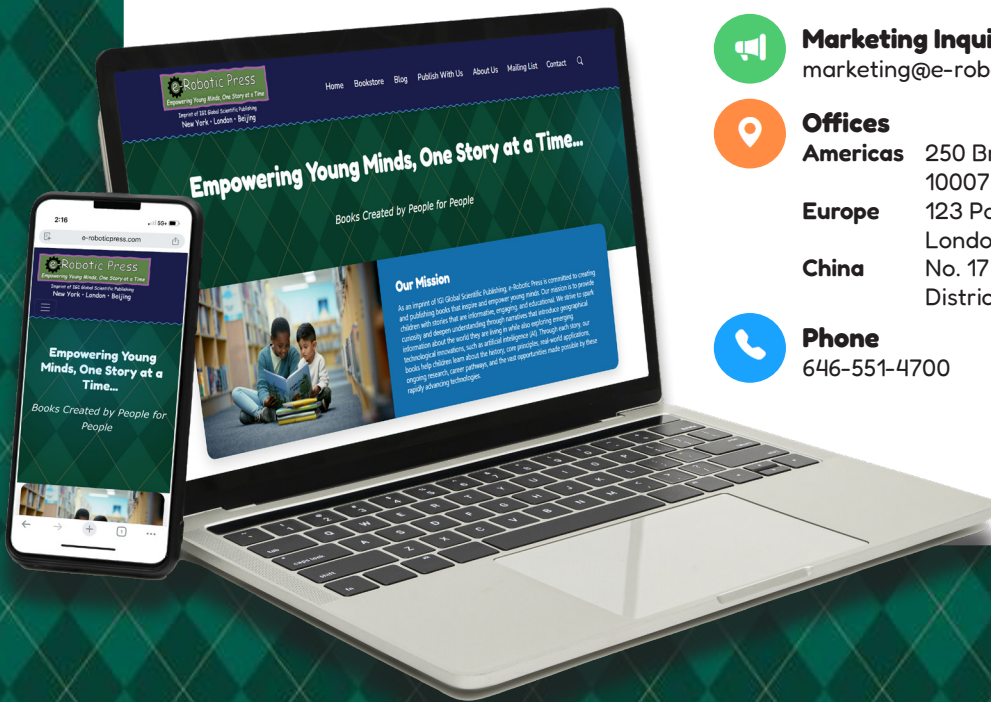
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