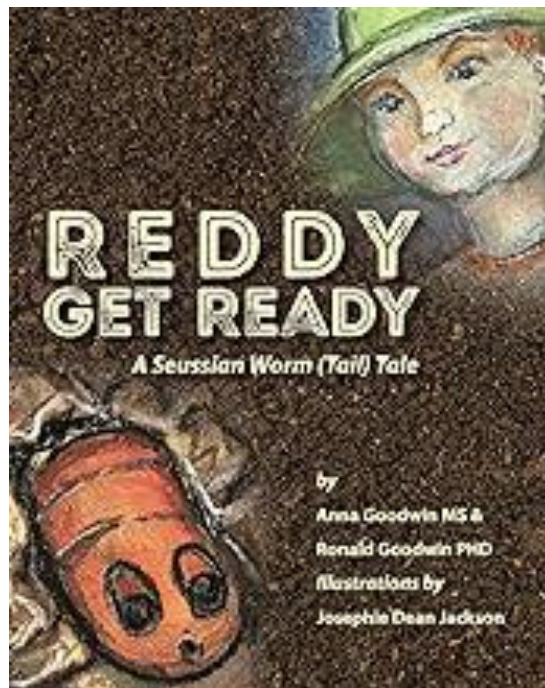


# Reddy Get Ready: A Seussian Worm (Tail) Tale



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This is the story of Reddy McGee, a small red worm who felt worthless since all he did was eat and tunnel holes through the dirt. When a large bee told him he was ugly, slimy, and slim with no limbs or hair, and good for nothing, he really felt bad. He talked to his papa, but it did no good. Then his family was digging and wriggling through the night when suddenly Reddy burst through the earth with a green pea. His family was so happy for here was something to eat. While his family slept deep in the earth, Reddy sneaked out and crawled to the surface. It was morning and bright. He ran into birds who wanted to eat him, a child who wanted to squash him flat, a friendly woman who handled him gently and set him free. At last he meets a millipede who is also a fortune teller. From her he learns why he and other insects that live underground are so important to our planet earth.

This story is written in rhyme, which I like, and the illustrations are well-drawn, colorful, and adorable. It's educational and for kids 4-8. The end of the

book tells you facts about red worms and why they are important. Plus, it tells you how to grow red worms. I recommend this book for children and parents. It's a good read-aloud book.



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