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## **WATER CAN BE... A PROBLEM-SOLVER** How One Picture Book Is Making a Splash

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A new book by Laura Purdie Salas, **Water Can Be...**, comes out April 1. In it, Salas showcases the beauty and power of water and its many roles in our world.

And she hopes to do more.

Salas and Lerner Publishing Group have partnered with WaterAid, a nonprofit working for worldwide clean water. Ten percent of Salas' proceeds will be donated. "While dedicating the book to my parents," she says, "I had so many memories centered around water. So, I decided to use the book to support water conservation and access globally."

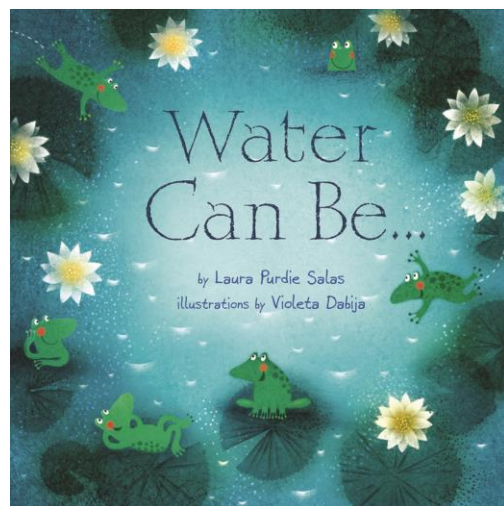
As kids learn what water can be ("Woodchuck warmer/ Snowman former..."), they also learn that water is life. And book sales will help support that.

Among the honors for Salas' previous books are the Minnesota Book Award, NCTE Notable Books, IRA Teachers' Choices, and more. **Water Can Be...** earned a starred review from *Kirkus*:

*"In a look at the forms, functions and uses of water, Salas and [illustrator Violeta] Dabija turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. The simple text and spot-on rhymes belie the sophistication of the inherent message behind the verse—water is a life-giver."*

– starred, Kirkus Reviews

A reading guide and other extras will be available at [laurasalas.com](http://laurasalas.com). Please visit [WaterAid.org](http://WaterAid.org) to learn more about WaterAid's programs.



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