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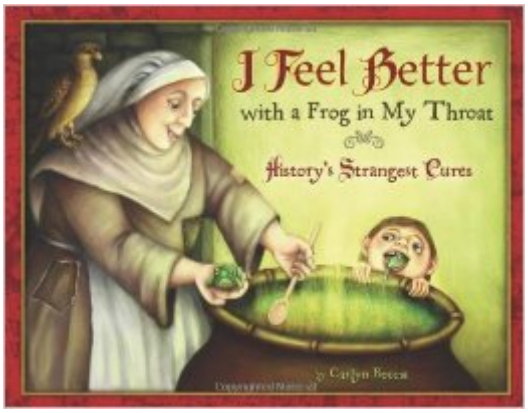

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Synopsis

It wasnâ ™t too long ago that people tried all sorts of things to helpÂ sick people feel better. They tried wild thingsÂ like drinking a glass full of millipedes or putting some mustard on one’s head.Â Some of the cures worked, and some of themâ |well, letâ ™s just say that millipedes,Â living or dead, are not meant to be ingested.Carlyn Beccia takes readers on a colorful and funny medical mysteryÂ tour toÂ discover that while times may have changed, many of todayâ ™s most reliable cure-alls have their roots in some very peculiar practices, and so relevant connections can be drawn from whatÂ they did then to whatÂ we do now.

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Most youngsters remember when Mary Poppins cheerfully claimed that, "Just a spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down," but many, many years ago there were some pretty nasty, gnarly cures for whatever might ail a person. Take for example, in medieval times if you had a sore throat you just might have ended up with a real live frog down your throat or had a necklace strung with earthworms hanging around your neck. It sounds totally disgusting, but while the earthworms wouldn’t have helped one iota, there was a faint possibility that the frog down the throat bit may have worked. When "certain species of frogs get annoyed, they secrete poisonous slime out of their skin." More than likely some poor kids got "terrible tummy aches," but these days "frog slime is

sometimes used in antibiotics and painkillers." In pill form that is.In this marvelously entertaining book there are cures aplenty to make you roll your eyes or chuckle as you imagine someone trying to inflict some awful cure on you. Some of these cures actually worked and, in some instances, are the basis for modern cures. There are cures for everything, but the most common school skipping excuse is the stomachache. Take a look at these three "cures:" A Urine B Dirt C Millipedes (YUK!) No, yes, no. Dirt really has been used throughout the centuries to cure stomachaches. You'll read all about why it has been and will find that Philips milk of magnesia has white clay as the main ingredient.This tantalizingly fun (and sometimes gross) book of cures will give the reader a case of the giggles and a learning experience rolled into one. There are a selection of "cures" for the cough, cold, sore throat, wound, stomachache, fever, headache, and "every sickness.

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