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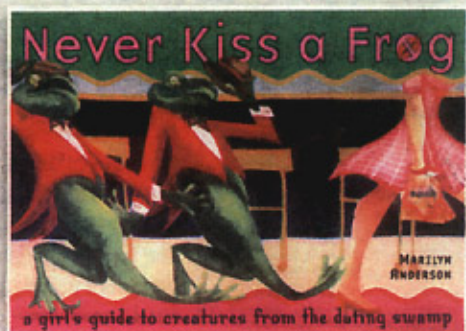
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Froggy love

■ MARILYN ANDERSON,
author of *Never Kiss a Frog: A Girl's Guide To Creatures From The Dating Swamp*.



Marilyn Anderson gives you the lowdown on some of the swamp creatures you should avoid:

THE OBSESSED-WITH-HIS-EX FROG: He talks about his ex all the time. He shows you her picture, plays their favourite song and takes you to "their" restaurant. Then when you cook him dinner, he wants you to do it "her" way. Here's a Ribbet Snippet: If he can't get her out of his mind — get him out of yours.

THE-ALL-WORK-AND-NO-PLAY-FROG: He's too busy. He can't make dates; he's late for dates; he breaks dates. Then when you finally do get together, all he does is talk about his work. And he's constantly on his cellphone. Here's a wart warning for this workaholic frog. If business consumes him every minute, when he comes home to bed, don't you be in it!

DR. JEKYLL & MR. TOAD: When you're in public, he's sweet, loving and wonderful. But when you're home alone together, he turns into a mean and cold bully frog. Here's a wart warning: If he's got a split person-ality, you should be the one to split.

CROAK & DAGGER: He won't tell you where he lives, where he works, or what he does. And he won't give you his phone number. Remember, mystery men can be exciting — but if he's mysterious for too long, you should be the one to disappear!

THE REALLY-NICE-GUY-BUT-REALY-BAD-KISSER FROG: If you don't like kissing him, you won't like hooking-up with him. It's that simple. If he drools, slobbers or makes you wince, this guy is definitely not your prince.

THE-LONG-TERM-GO-NOWHERE FROG: This is the guy who's always there, he's just never there to say "I do." If you've been together for years and there's no ring to decorate your finger, it's time to re-decorate your love life. He's not commitment-phobic — he's commitment-frogic. Quick, throw him back in the swamp.

COUNT FROGULA: You think you love him, but he always makes you miserable. When he leaves your house, you cry. In fact, when he's at your house, you cry. Then, when you cry, he leaves your house. He's Count Frogula because any guy who drains the life out of you, sucks.

FROG ON THE ROCKS: If he's a boozier, you're the loser.

Don't waste time dating 'frogs' — they'll never turn into your prince

JOANNE RICHARD
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LOOK OUT, ladies, it's a dating swamp out there and it's time to wake up and smell the boggy water.

Frogs will not turn into princes, no matter how many times you kiss them — so get over the fantasy. So says dating coach Marilyn Anderson, author of *Never Kiss a Frog: A Girl's Guide To Creatures From The Dating Swamp* (Red Rock Press).

She knows — she's kissed her share. And she admits the only date she hasn't had is a wedding date. So Anderson wants women to wise up and stop dating the wrong guys and help focus them on finding their prince.

"Sure, all of us go out and meet frogs — and

kiss them. But now I'm telling women not to. The problem is that women hang on to men thinking they will 'change'. And that won't happen," says Anderson, who offers dating seminars and has appeared on ABC's *Extreme Makeover* as a dating/flirting coach.

If he has froggy behaviour when he's with you, "he's going to toadally stay that way. And you're not going to be happy. Women hang onto frogs for too long — like with the 'Long-Term-Go-Nowhere-Frog.' So many women I know have guys they've dated for three years, five years, even 10 years. The women want to get married — and the man is never ready."

Although Anderson depicts the men that women should avoid as frogs, she swears she's not a man hater. "It's absolutely not male

bashing. I love men. And it's important to know, a frog doesn't have to be a bad guy. He can be a good guy. But I tell women, if he's not the guy you're going to marry — he's a frog."

She adds, "Also, it's good to remember, just as one person's junk is another person's treasure; one woman's frog can be another woman's prince. For example, I went out with a man who was a wonderful guy — handsome, sweet and smart — but he liked to go sailing every weekend. Me? I get seasick in a bathtub. But I have a girlfriend who kayaks. I fixed them up and guess what? They sailed off into the sunset.

"He was a frog to me but a prince to her," says Anderson.

Check out her "webbed" site at Neverkissafrog.com.