The Frog Princess by J. Patrick Lewis

A Beautifully Illustrated Escape From Reality

This famous story tells of a great tsar, his three sons, and a wise princess. The tsar orders each of his sons to shoot an arrow as far as he can. The woman who finds it will be that son's bride. In what seems a cruel twist of fate, the tsar's youngest son finds his arrow held in the mouth of a little green frog. Full-color illustrations.

My Personal Review:
My husband and I both read this to our boys without the other knowing it. We later commented on the fact that it's our favorite fairy tale. The pictures are beautifully-illustrated and with fine details. The story itself is beautifully-written and entertaining for our little boys. It is a keeper in our collection! The Czar orders his three sons to shoot an arrow and whoever is holding it wherever it landed will be that son's bride. The youngest got stuck with a talking frog. He was rather disappointed, but his bride wasn't who he thought she was. Because of his ineptness, he lost her and had to find her again. The basic moral of this story is true love always prevails. And it's a neat fairy tale ~ a readaptation of the ancient Russian folklore. If you are interested in having your children learn more about different cultures and their stories, this is a good place to start. With beautiful illustrations and a lovely story, your children will be entertained just as you will be. 10-15-03

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