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Praise for the ***Clovis Crawfish Series***:

“In Louisiana’s bayou country, Clovis Crawfish is a favorite folk hero of children who have met him in Fontenot’s lively tales. . . . The stories have suspense, lessons in nature lore, French words, and plenty of fun.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Mary Alice Fontenot’s ***Clovis Crawfish Series*** have been providing lessons both in nature lore and French words and phrases used in everyday Cajun conversation as well as stories that are simply fun to read.”

—*Houston Post*

Clovis Crawfish and His Friends is the book that launched the entire ***Clovis Crawfish Series*** and introduced this friendly crawfish to children and adults alike. Since he first appeared in 1962, Clovis Crawfish has taught children in Louisiana and across the country important concepts such as friendship, teamwork, and problem solving. Through the adventures of Clovis and his friends, children also learn about the ecology of the bayou. Each story includes French words and phrases heard in everyday Cajun conversation.

Clovis lives in a mud house in Bayou Frog Tail, which strikes him as a strange name, since frogs don’t even have tails. Bertile Butterfly is no help in explaining this mystery to him—all she wants to do is flit about and eat flowers. When inquisitive Clovis finally discovers the answer from Fernand Frog, he doesn’t have much time to dwell on it because M’sieu Blue Jay is about to make a meal of his good friend Gaston Grasshopper! Can Clovis save his friend and save the day?

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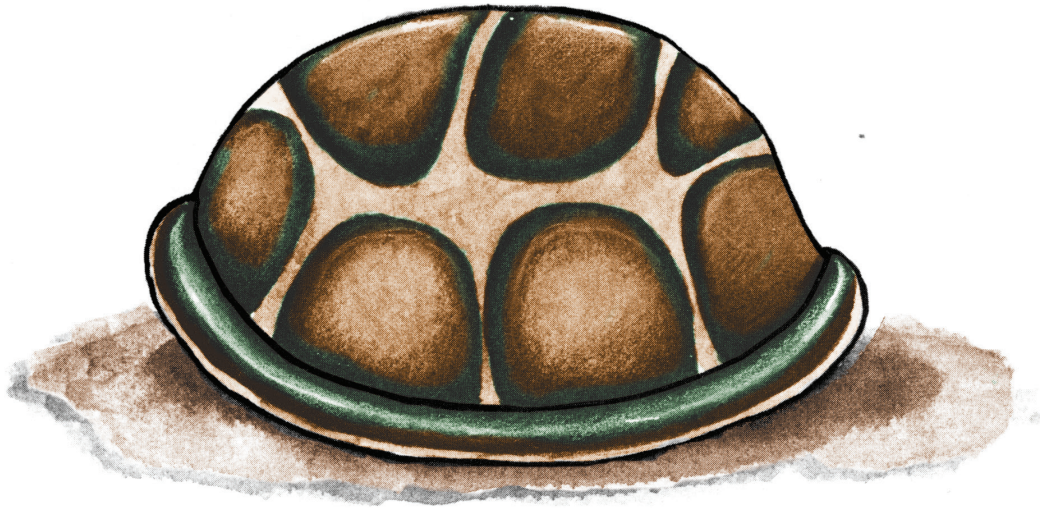
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Foreword

In a few lively pages the gifted Mary Alice Fontenot has packed a wonderful love and understanding of the Louisiana scene, and a no less wonderful tale (as well as tail) of one of Louisiana's happiest of citizens and natural resources as well—the crawfish.

Clovis Crawfish and His Friends is a cheerful, zestful exploration of a distinguished native phenomenon, presented for the children of the state with spirit and skill and perception.

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Clovis Crawfish's real name was Clovis Clémence, but all his friends on the bayou called him Clovis. Clovis lived in a mud house on the bank of Bayou Queue de la Grenouille, which means Bayou Frog Tail in south Louisiana.

Clovis Crawfish wondered why the bayou was called Frog Tail because he knew that frogs didn't have tails.