

How the Story Began

Toads on High Street began in 2011 when the non-profit, Support Portsmouth Public Art (SPPA), installed the bronze statue “I’ve Been Kissed” in front of the Virginia Children’s Museum.

In honor of this sculpture created by artist Pokey Park, John Joyce wrote a children’s book, I’ve Been Kissed, and named the toad, Bufo.



Help Bufo Search for Ana

Today in Olde Towne, Bufo is meeting his special friend Ana, “You know where!” she said. Your task is to follow Bufo as he hunts for Ana. The inside pages show his journey through Olde Towne. Pay close attention to the clues in this “greatest story ever toad”.

Support Portsmouth Public Art

About Us

Support Portsmouth Public Art (SPPA) was formed by volunteers in 2010 with a mission dedicated to purchase and install public art, to educate citizens, and to create outreach to the neighborhoods in Portsmouth.

SPPA seeks to engage our citizens of all ages to participate in the process of creating and enjoying public art. We appreciate your support.

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We hope that you enjoy your search for Bufo as he hops up and down High Street. This fun activity would not be possible without the generous donation of time and creativity of our local artists.

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TOADS ON HIGH STREET

A scavenger hunt for kids of all ages to discover “the greatest story ever toad.”



How Many Places Can You Find Bufo?

Check out the storefront windows and follow Bufo's journey as he searches for his true love, Ana. Here are some clues!



Fifth Stop

Bufo sees a bi-plane and thinks to himself, "maybe I can find Ana from up above!" So he hops in his trusty plane and takes to the sky.

Sixth Stop

When Bufo lands his plane, he finds himself in an exotic place with spicy snacks. After a quick bite, he decides to meditate.

Eleventh Stop

Something old, something new! Maybe Ana is at the vintage shop.

First Stop

Bufo arrives by ferry boat at High Street Landing. He sees a restaurant and wonders if they serve pond water.

Second Stop

Bufo checks his wallet and finds he's a little short on cash. Why are ATMs so high?" he wonders. It's difficult when you're a toad.



Seventh Stop

Bufo asks a nice lady who lives in a Koop if she has seen Ana. The lady shakes her head no and offers to teach him to make Shoofly Pie.

Eighth Stop

Bufo spies a tavern and thinks Ana may be there. The cook says no and offers to make Bufo a Dagwood Sandwich.

Twelfth Stop

Bufo hears music around the corner and down the mall. He asks the man at the piano, "Do you know Ana?" The man replies, "Well no, but if you hum a few bars." Groan.

Third Stop

Ana likes to shop for clothes and jewelry. Maybe she's here? As Bufo hops up on the counter, a customer points and asks to buy that stuffed frog. Humph! How rude!



Ninth Stop

Bufo crosses the street and heads back to the ferry. He sees a pretty lady in the window and decides to get beautified before he sees Ana.

Thirteenth Stop - Lucky 13!

Bufo then remembers *I've Been Kissed*, the place he and Ana first kissed. There he finds Ana eating a scoop of green ice cream. He exclaims, "I love Ana and I love Portsmouth!"

Fourth Stop

Bufo smells some sauerkraut and warm schnitzel. He knows Ana likes to eat, so he asks, "Hast du Kuchen?"

Tenth Stop

Bufo groans, "My feet hurt! I should get a bicycle."