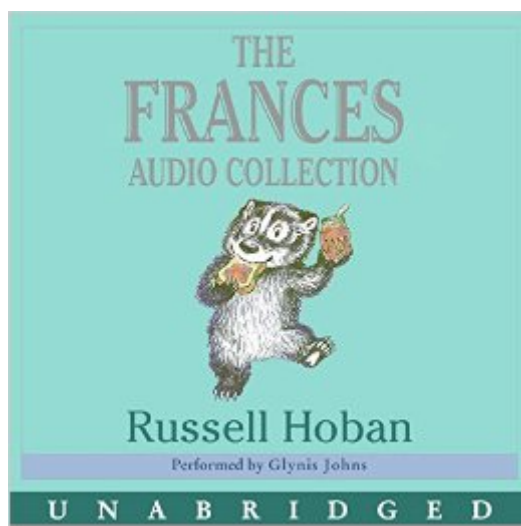


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Frances Audio Collection CD (I Can Read Level 2)



Synopsis

This collection includes four endearing favorites, *Bedtime for Frances*; *A Baby Sister for Frances*; *Bread and Jam for Frances*; and *A Birthday for Frances*. Children will cheer for Frances as she cleverly avoids her bedtime, stubbornly refuses to eat anything but bread and jam, and struggles not to eat the tempting, chocolatey birthday present she has just bought for her younger sister, Gloria. These reassuring and funny stories are just right for those amazing days of childhood!

Book Information

Series: I Can Read Level 2

Audio CD

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Product Dimensions: 0.2 x 4.8 x 5.2 inches

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Average Customer Review: 4.2 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (64 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #218,596 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #28 in [Books > Books on CD > Children's Fiction > Animals](#) #39 in [Books > Books on CD > Children's Fiction > Classics](#) #100 in [Books > Books on CD > Children's Fiction > General](#)

Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

I was so thrilled to find this collection. As a little girl, I had the books along with the records. The records were great...especially when Frances would sing...and the background music and sound effects were magical. When I played this tape, I was disappointed. There is no music or sound effects...just a woman with an English accent that reads the story to you...and she reads very quickly. The songs are sung differently than they were on the records but the more and more I listen to this tape, the more I am just happy to have something that reminds me of my childhood. I am still searching for the original recordings though!

The stories are narrated by Glynnis Johns, she played the mother in *Mary Poppins*. My children listened intently and laughed a lot at irascible Frances. They asked for the stories over and over.

I guess I did not read the description carefully, because I assumed the CD came with the books to look at while listening. So after it arrived, I ordered all the books as well. As for the CD, I think the reader presents the story a little too quickly for very young listeners, not giving them enough time to contemplate the thoughts presented in the dialog. I would prefer she read it slower. Her voice is a bit raspy, and she does not sing the songs, instead recites them as a poem. I guess I am used to the way I read the book, changing voices sometimes for each character, especially when singing the made-up songs that are a special part of Francis' personality. All in all though, I would highly recommend the CD but buy the books as well of course.

My 6 year old son loves the Francis stories, even though he is usually more attracted to stories like Henry Huggins, or Mouse Tales; etc. However, he was a bit put off by the change in narrators between the Francis audio collection and a different Francis tape and book. The audio collection employs an older English lady with a rather coarse voice for its narration. He wrinkled his nose and said "who's that"? when listening for the first time. I think he prefers the pleasant voice narration on "A Bargain for Francis", and some other Francis selections.

While teaching preschool for many years, this tape was the start of most naptimes! Now ordering it for my child, I can't wait to see them enjoy it as well... The reading is beautiful and after listening you can't help but hear that voice when reading it yourself.

I listened to these books (on Record) as a kid, and I loved them! Part of what made them great was the way the narrator read them. The way she paused and emphasized certain things. This audio version is read by someone else (I do not know why I thought it would be the same narrator), and I thought it was terrible. She hurries through all the best parts as if she's got somewhere else to be. I was so disappointed! I've been reading the books to my kids myself and trying to do the best impression of the narrator of my childhood because she was sooooo good!

I have fond memories of these books from my childhood and I was looking for the original audio versions of the books that used to be on vinyl. I was disappointed that this was not as I remembered it being. Mostly because I was trying to find Francis' song for bread and jam. Although it isn't what I expected, I am still looking forward to being able to share the audio books with my daughters.

My four year old has loved the Frances books since she was two; this CD is absolutely perfect and she asks for it at least once a week, and finally we have a sort-of tune for all of wonderful Frances' songs. PS if you are a real Frances fan as a parent, check out Mr. Hoban's "Riddley Walker" adult novel. Trust me, you will love it, and in 10 or 15 years, your current Frances fan will too.

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