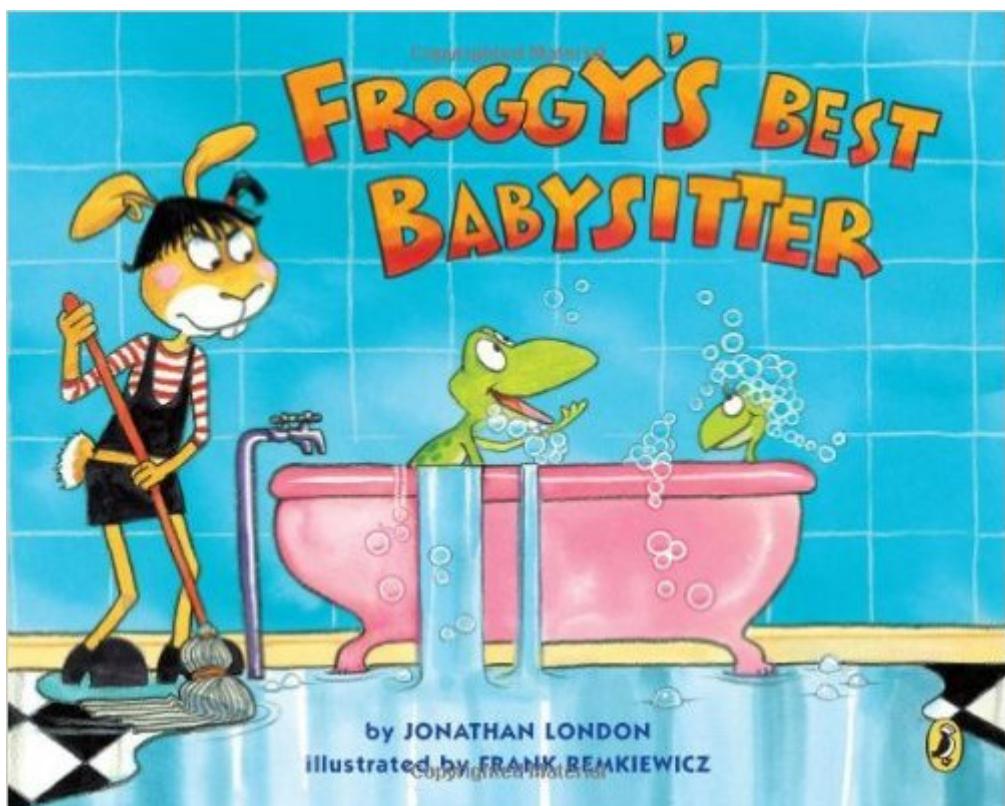


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Froggy's Best Babysitter



Synopsis

Froggy's parents are going out for the night and they've left him with a brand-new babysitter! Froggy tries to help out by feeding his little sister and taking a bath on his own, but only Froggy could create havoc in the kitchen and turn bath time into mess time. Can the new babysitter survive his well-intentioned antics until Froggy's parents get home?

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

Let me say first that I am a fan of the Froggy series. I have several titles in my second grade classroom, and "Froggy Plays T-Ball" has long been a favorite of my four-year-old. We were looking forward to reading this one together. I was very disappointed at some of the behaviors of characters in this story. When the new babysitter complains that her cell phone is dead, Froggy asks if she has a boyfriend and sings, "Sandy and Danny, sitting in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G!" Is that really necessary? I don't want my children - or my students - chanting that song. Later, after Froggy tracks mud all over the carpet, he covers it up with a rug before his parents arrive. Not only do the babysitter and Froggy neglect to tell the parents about the mud, but the babysitter takes credit for keeping the house clean! I'd have preferred to see them take some responsibility for their actions. Strangely, on the last page, when the parents offer future babysitting opportunities to the babysitter, she says

she's moving to Australia. ???I enjoy other books in this series, but be warned that this particular one may promote behaviors you don't want your young readers to copy!

My granddaughter loves this series! First I read the books to her, and, now, that she is in second grade, she reads most of each book to me! Both the illustrations and the text are perfect for children ages 4-7/

Yes indeed, Froggy makes a mess, causes trouble and does a lot of unbecoming things that even good children do or think to do when they think they can get away with it. I certainly do not condone Froggy's behavior but you see the babysitter cleaning, struggling exhausted and angry--not just Froggy having fun. It is kind of funny because my son who is 5 and does know what is good and bad behavior is really more horrified about what Froggy does than anyone. We discuss what would happen if he was that bad with a babysitter (not that we ever had one) and how terrible he made her feel. I guess I am a believer that while we should try to shelter our children from as much bad as possible in the world, there are real life children in the playground that act like Froggy and discussing what is good and bad whether it is with a cartoon frog or a real life incident is necessary. Sitting with your child reading a book is a good time to bring right/wrong to light. In fairness I am not sure I would be as comfortable reading this to a three year old who does not have the moral foundations to understand what Froggy does is wrong.

Who would want to babysit Froggy? Froggy is rude, messy and selfish. However, he is entertaining. In this story Froggy smooshes his clay dinosaur into the carpet and doesn't clean it up. He makes a mess making French Toast with sugar coated flies and doesn't clean it up. He listens in on his babysitter's call to her boyfriend. Babysitters shouldn't be calling boyfriends. Froggy does make a suds beard and suds hair on his little sister when in the bathtub. Is anyone surprised when Froggy's parents come home from celebrating their anniversary weekend, and the babysitter says she is moving far away? Funny book, but be prepared for some bad behavior on Froggy's part. Tell your child you'll read Froggy books together as long as they don't act like Froggy.

My daughter just borrowed this book from her school library. She's 5 1/2. She must have liked the cover and illustration to borrow it. After we read it though she didn't like it as much. She said it was "kind of boring" because it was just about babysitting and they didn't do anything exciting. She also didn't like that Froggy kept doing not nice things and the babysitter didn't seem that nice either. This

is her review.

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