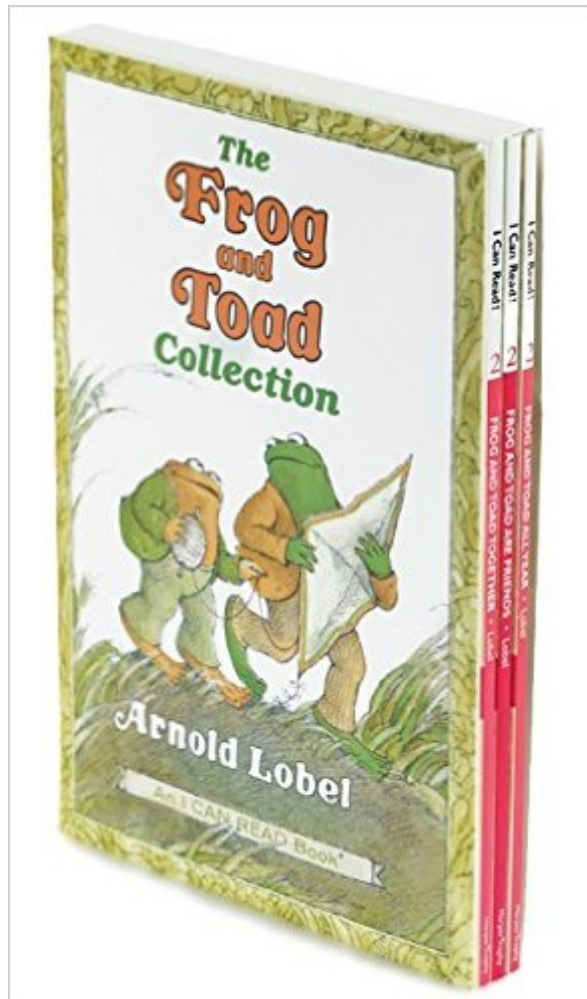


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# The Frog And Toad Collection Box Set (I Can Read Level 2)



## Synopsis

Frog and Toad are always there for each other -- just as best friends should be. From sledding in winter to eating ice cream on hot summer days, these two friends have fun together the whole year round!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

The collection consists of 3 books - Frog and Toad All Year, Frog and Toad Are Friends, and Frog and Toad Together. My 8 year old nephew who has reading difficulties loves these books. He now shows an interest in reading. Please keep up with the stories Mr. Lobel!

The Frog and Toad series are the perfect classic for young children who are just old enough to read. What makes the work so charming is that one can buy a brand new copy of it, and immediately it is like a pair of comfortable old shoes or a warm, over-worn sweater. Frog and Toad are friends, the kind of homey, down-to-earth friendship we all depend on. They are not flashy, bright, or cartoony. The pictures are a dull and easy brown and green, but capture cute variations in emotion between these two characters. They fit the ethos of the book: comfortable, casual, understated, and something you immediately want more of. They capture the heroism and fears of a five year old.

They are right on the mark for a young person who is just beginning to be able to comfort someone who is lonely or do battle with an overwhelming craving for cookies. Frog and Toad are two simple, helpless creatures who help one another through things that seem big to a child and unnoticeable to an adult. They worry about the things a five year old worries about. Parent readers will find themselves wanting to help Frog and Toad get by the way we help our own five-year-olds. Lobel has noticed exactly what a child notices. He's gotten it just right.

This boxed set consists of: 1. Frog and Toad Together, 2. Frog and Toad Are Friends, 3. Frog and Toad All Year. If you want the 4th Frog and Toad title, buy Days with Frog and Toad as well. Also consider author Lobel's Owl at Home. This owl is more like Frog and Toad in his silliness than the typical "wise old owl" depiction. My kids (6 & 3 yrs) both really enjoy the owl stories as well.

For your beginning readers, these heartwarming stories of a child-like friendship between Frog and Toad are excellent, a fine complement to the Little Bear series, for example. For the toddler being read to, these books also provide great delight. This daddy loves to read Toad's voice as a deep, slightly daft Englishman, while Frog's voice is, naturally, an outrageous French one. (It works--try it!) The stories are charming, affirm praiseworthy values (above all friendship), and are short enough to gauge your evening ritual precisely. Highly recommended.

Frog and Toad are classic, and WONDERFUL. If you love Frog and Toad, you need to know Arnold Lobel's daughter collaborated to create a Broadway musical based on these books, and the CD with the songs from the musical ("A Year With Frog and Toad") is a MUST have for every child. We have given so many copies as gifts I've lost count, and everyone (adult and child alike) LOVES the CD. It has all the charm and humor of the books, and it brings the characters to life in a lovely and loveable way. Get the CD along with the Frog and Toad books -- the PERFECT gift package for any child age 1 to 8.

When my daughter Katie was small, I called her my "little toad." It seemed harmless and fun. It fit her bouncy, baby personality and made her laugh. All part of the joys of parenting. One day when she was a little older, we were going through one of those worksheets that has kids classify pictures as real or imaginary. Katie did well. So when we ran out of worksheet I threw in a few of my own. Eventually I asked: "And what about toads?" "Imaginary!" she declared, with great certainty. Surprised, I probed: "And what is a toad, exactly?" Katie smiled and her eyes took on a

dreamy expression. "A toad is like a beautiful fairy princess with wings and beautiful hair and bright-colored dresses!" She beamed at me with the sure knowledge of the beautiful creature that was a toad. That was how her Daddy saw her. I couldn't let somebody else tell her. Family stories take on a life of their own over time. I did not actually explain that a toad was like a frog, but is ugly, lives in the dirt and can't swim very well. But whatever I did say--I've repressed it--didn't help much. Katie ran to the couch and buried her head under a pillow. Her mother took over the comforting. I was the worst parent ever. These books were part of a long campaign to get Katie to like me again. They are friendly, interesting and--important for my purpose--cast toads in a fairly positive light. You can enjoy reading them to your child and enjoy the next stage when your child reads them to you. If used appropriately, they will help your child to have high self-esteem and a positive self image.

This is a wonderful collection of books, perfect for my first grader to really get some reading practice. However, it was suggested to buy Frog and Toad are Friends along with the collection, stating that most people who buy the Collection also buy Frog and Toad are Friends. When I recieved the shipment I was disappointed to find that Frog and Toad are Friends is in the Collection. It would have helped to have the books in the Collection listed so I would have known to pick a different one.

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