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Friends all year.

In winter, spring, summer, and fall, Frog and Toad are always together. Here is a wise and wonderful story for each season of the year-and one for Christmas, too.

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Emmalyn says

Perfect book to read ALL YEAR

Danielle says

I am an ESL teacher for children and this is a great book for those who are learning to read English. The language is simple but entertaining. I use it in my classes with children ranging in age from 5 to 13 and it is well received, the students can practice reading a book but also build their confidence in their English proficiency which helps them progress more quickly.

Annie says

If you've read the first two books in the Frog and Toad series, by now you and your child are hooked!

This book, published in 1976, is the third of four books about Frog and Toad, written by Arnold Lobel. This book has five stories, starting and ending with Winter tales.

As usual, Toad is a bit negative and nervous, while Frog is calm, positive and dedicated to being a very good friend to Toad.

In "Down the Hill", Frog gets Toad to come outside and try sledding down a hill with him. Toad goes reluctantly along, and for a moment enjoys the ride. Frog gets bumped off the sled, and Toad still enjoys the adventure until he realizes he's alone. He decides Winter is best spent inside.

The next story is about a story told from Frog to Toad, one rainy day when they are wishing Spring was here. Frog promises that Spring is just around "The Corner."

"Ice Cream" is a funny story about what happens when Toad buys ice cream cones for himself and Frog, and carries them a long way on a very hot day.

"The Surprise" is a story about what happens when two friends try to do something special for a friend, in secret.

The last story, "Christmas Eve", has a worried Toad frantically searching for his best friend, sure that something terrible has happened. It has a happy ending, of course!

The stories are short, sweet and about friendship, but in a simple manner. Drawings of Frog and Toad are on almost every page, and are detailed enough to warrant a lengthy view and some comments from young readers. The words are understandable and readable enough for very young readers, yet they manage to tell a story with an amusing message.

Laura Verret says

I honestly love *Frog and Toad*. They've been hilarious in previous installments, but reading *Frog and Toad All Year* really cemented the amphibious duo in my mind as favorite characters. They may be considered "children's" characters, but honestly, their outlook on life is one which appeals to me most mightily – they are addicted to eating and comfort and the beauty of the small things in life. Take for example, this quip from Toad after Frog takes him out for a series of mishaps during the first snow of winter.

"Winter may be beautiful, but bed is much better." [pg. 17]

To which I raise a hearty AMEN.

The chapter in which Toad fetches ice creams for he and Frog is priceless (and seems exactly like something I might do).

Conclusion. The entire *Frog and Toad* series is gold. :)

Gauri says

I once saw amusing illustrations from this book, thinking that they were from the original edition of *Wind in the Willows*. I picked this up when I realized they were in fact, JE books written not many decades ago! Somehow, I had missed them when I was growing up.

This little book is so charming. For some reason, I couldn't stop smiling when reading this. This is a series of short stories about the friendship of a pessimistic, anxious Toad and an optimistic, encouraging Frog. Though Toad is quite depressive at times, he still cares deeply for his best friend, and goes to great lengths to keep Frog safe and brighten his day. I couldn't help but think Toad was a little too relatable at times.

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Chance Lee says

This little book has a story about Frog and Toad for every season -- winter, spring, summer, fall, and a Christmas story. I think this is the best collection in the Frog and Toad books. Each story is fun. Frog and Toad go sledding. Frog tells Toad a story of waiting for Spring. The two eat giant chocolate ice cream cones

(I love the illustrations because Toad always wraps his big mouth around the ice cream). In Fall, the two rake each other's leaves secretly, but then the wind blows them away, so they'll never know. And the Christmas story is a bleak tale, typical of the final story in these Frog and Toad books. Toad worries that Frog has been eaten and he'll never spend another Christmas with him again. But Frog arrives safely, and they have a pleasant Christmas Eve in front of the fire.

Jessica says

We had a bound book collection of Frog and Toad but this was not part of that volume. It's been fun to read some "new" stories that are not in our well loved bound volume.

Frog and Toad are just fun.

While we are using Frog and Toad to help with our new reader in the house we have been reading our children Frog and Toad probably since they were two. Fun for any age.

Susan Mortimer says

This third of four Frog and Toad from Arnold Lobel provides five short stories describing the adventures of two friends throughout the seasons of the year. From the time they come out of their winter's sleep to encounter the freshness of springtime, on through to their Christmas Eve spent together, Frog and Toad remain the best of friends despite their obvious yin and yang relationship. Lobel's beautiful and soothingly colored drawings bring to life not only the funny adventures, but the disparate personalities of Frog and Toad. The text is printed in large, easy-to-read font, and the crisp dialogue is easy for the beginning reader to follow. This was a great favorite of mine as a child, and one that my own children now enjoy just as much. It's a perfect way to show children the difference between optimism and pessimism, as well as portraying the joys and benefits of friendship. (Ages 4-8)

Jess says

June 2017 - I think Ben gets Frog & Toad better each time we read one. I love the humor, and I had a sudden realization that my husband is a lot like Toad...Does that make me Frog?

Alana says

I'd read the Frog and Toad books years ago and just loved them! Read this one to my niece today, and I'd forgotten what sweet stories they are! I loved the pictures and reading the simple words to her. These really are timeless stories, real treasures!

Optional: sprinkles, chocolate chips, or a crushed cookie

1. Combine the sugar, half & half, and vanilla extract in the smaller bag and seal it tightly.
2. Place the salt and ice in the gallon-size bag.
3. Place the sealed smaller bag inside the bag with the salt and ice.
4. Seal the larger bag. Now shake the bags until the mixture hardens (about 5 minutes). You may want to wrap the bag in a dish towel so that your hands don't get too cold.
5. The ice cream mixture should start to harden when it is ready, so give it a squeeze every few minutes.
6. Take the smaller bag out of the larger one. If desired, add optional toppings, and eat the ice cream right out of the bag.

Serves 1

How does it work?

Ice keeps things cold because it absorbs heat energy from its surroundings. Adding salt to the ice lowers the freezing point, so the ice begins to melt. The melting ice absorbs heat from its surroundings, in this case, the ice cream mixture. When enough heat has been removed from the ice cream mixture, it freezes.
