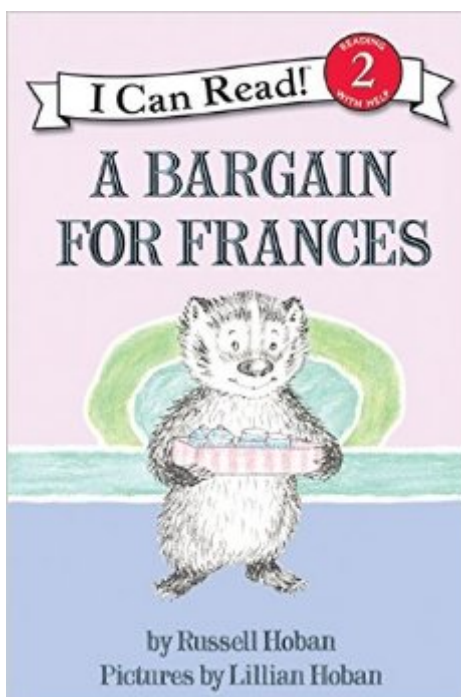


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# A Bargain For Frances (I Can Read Level 2)



## Synopsis

Frances and Thelma are friends -- most of the time Thelma always seems to get Frances into trouble. When she tricks Frances into buying her tea set, it's the last straw. Can Frances show her that it's better to lose a bargain than lose a friend?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Despite its unlikely-looking cover, this is perhaps the finest I Can Read Book ever written. I had no idea it was a treasure when one of the kids grabbed it off the shelf at the local library. Written by Russell Hoban and illustrated by Lillian Hoban, it hilariously tells the story of a sweet and trusting little racoon who keeps getting the short end of the stick from a certain playmate. When that playmate swindles her out of her savings, Frances doesn't go home and lick her wounds. No sir. She devises an ingenious plan to set matters straight and re-establishes the friendship on a more equitable basis. Moms, if people tend to take advantage of your child (or someone else you know), this is a must-have book. Frances' resolution of the problem still thrills and inspires me every time I read it.

I can't help but notice all the reviews that say Frances is for girls. Boys enjoy this smart and spunky

little badger, too! Her quirks and problems, as well as her creative solutions and her wise parents, are universally delightful for all children.

THIS BOOK IS MY ALL TIME FAVORITE! IT IS SO NICE TO SEE IT STILL IN PRINT. IF YOU HAVEN'T SHARED IT WITH YOUR DAUGHTER (S), GET A COPY AND DO SO. MY TIMELESS CLASSIC IS 34 YEARS OLD AND IT IS STILL AS HUMOROUS NOW AS IT WAS THEN. MY MOTHER AND SISTER AND I STILL FONDLY REFER TO ICE CREAM AS q-p-m.

I like this book, because it's written for a young child to read herself . My kids are able to read this one by the time they are 7, which is nice. It has a lot of pages, lots of story to it - which is hard to find in books that are written at the young reader's level. What really surprised me about this book is that it addresses what happens when one has a friend that isn't very nice, and it really went into the situation in detail. The heroine of the story didn't become a martyr, and neither did she just turn her back on her friend altogether. When my daughter first read this book, she'd had some bad experiences with a friend - who is remarkably like Thelma, Frances's friend. I thought it was a nice tool for us - we discussed how sometimes a friend might not be very nice, and what the options are in dealing with this type of situation. This is a very good early reader for girls and a nice story for any girl who has a friend they really can't trust. (Although I don't believe every similar real-life situation is handled so simply!)

This series is charming and sweet without being too saccharine, and this is my personal favorite of the bunch. As far as the infamous \$3 tea set ... if you can suspend disbelief enough to believe in talking badgers, it's only a stone's throw from there.

This book brings me back to my childhood I had the regular version of this story (published in 1970) but this I Can Read edition seems to be the same, which is great! I bought this for my 3-year-old son, who really enjoys having books read (and reread, and reread) to him. I'm always looking for books I can enjoy after lots of repetition too. This fits the bill! I like how Frances stands up for herself and handles a problem with a frenemy on her own. This book is a welcome addition to our ever expanding library, especially at the bargain price of \$2.52!

This is a great book and CD set. I purchased it for my friend's 5 year old daughter, and she loves listening to it and having the book read to her. Listening to books on tape was a favorite past time of

mine as a child, and I am glad that sets like these allow me to gift them to this generation.

The Francis Series is so Wonderful and I expounded on the stories with my children. They adored the stories and after 20 years requested the books for presents at Christmas. Some things are good no matter how old you get.

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