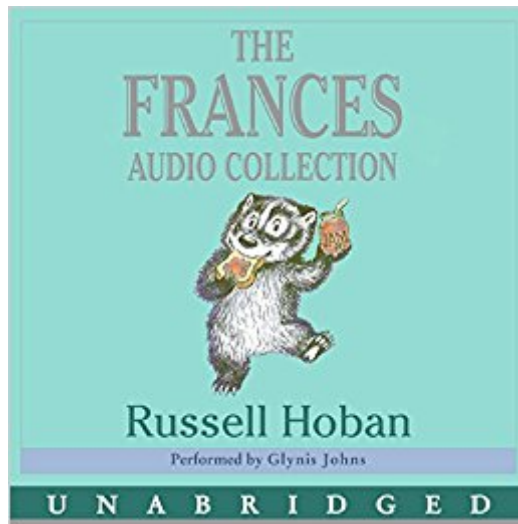




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Frances Audio Collection CD (I Can Read Level 2)



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

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Russell Hoban was the author of *A Bargain for Frances*, *A Baby Sister for Frances*, *Best Friends for Frances*, *A Birthday for Frances*, and *Bread and Jam for Frances*, all illustrated by Lillian Hoban. He also wrote *Bedtime for Frances*, illustrated by Garth Williams. Glynis Johns is a Tony® Award-winning actress and has appeared in numerous films, including *Mary Poppins*.

My children asked me to borrow the Frances audio books from the library for a car trip we were taking. I was SO sad when I went to the library and found out they no longer had the audio book! But then I figured hey, my kids (and myself) love these books so much why not just buy the thing? I was ecstatic to see had them! Yay! So I ordered the Frances Audio book and all is right with the world again. My children are happy and can happily sing along to the alphabet song once again. My

children are 9 and 11 by the way. They (and I) adore Frances! The fact Glynis Johns narrates this in her amazing accent is just icing on the cake.

I grew up listening to Glynis Johns tell the story of Frances. Some mentioned that she has a dry British voice but that's what I love about it, it lends an odd sophistication to Frances who has the world figured out but is still learning new lessons about friendship and sisters and relating to parents. I was delighted to find out that the Frances ditty about bread and jam is sung by the mother from Mary Poppins, something I never put together before. My one-year-old is a bit young for this but listening to one story at a time does hold her interest in the car.

This recording of Russel Hoban's Frances stories by Glynis Johns has been a family favorite for many years - originally listened to on cassette during family vacation trips. Some of our favorite Francesisms: (from Bread and Jam for Frances, where Frances goes on a bread-and-jam-only diet) "Jam for snacks and jam for meals, I know how a jam jar feels - full of jam!"; (from a Birthday for Frances) "Your birthday is always the one that is not now." I recently bought 2 of these CDs as gifts for friends with small children, and they are as clever and enchanting as I remember them.

This is the second CD I've received that is defective. The recording is full of static. I thought maybe it was just the first one, but unfortunately the second has the same issues. Really sad because it's my daughters favorite. The single star only reflects the poor recording quality not the content. Such a bummer. Hopefully I can find it elsewhere...

The Frances stories are a big hit in our household, we read them frequently. They're fantastic! The woman who reads the stories in this audio collection has a voice my four year old calls "creepy". She is nasally and somewhat irritating to listen to. Also, Frances comes out seeming a bit like a brat in these readings, rather than the lovable creature we always pictured her as. With that said, however, my daughter still really enjoys this recording and listens to it often- the stories are so vibrant they overcome the poor choice of narrator.

I can't tell you how many times we have listened to this CD in the three years we've owned it. (A is for apple pie, B is for Bear, C is for crocodile combing his hair...) My 6 year-old daughter loves to go to bed listening to a story on her stereo. This is one of her favorites. Glynis Johns does a wonderful job reading the well-loved books and giving them life. The cadence and tone is perfect to convey the

feeling of the Francis stories. I'm not sure if we've actually ever heard the very last tracks since she is usually fast asleep by then! We have plenty of other stories on disc. Some of them work well, others don't hold our attention. This one is a keeper.

We love this, but I'm giving it four stars because we wish there were some sort of signal as for when to turn the page. My four year old can't read yet, so I have to be right next to her, turning the pages for her... I feel like that kind of defeats the purpose.

This CD is lovely! The stories are read by actress Glinis Johns, who played the mother (Mrs. Banks) in the film Mary Poppins. There is a little music to augment the readings. She is an excellent, vibrant reader, and the stories are of course delightful. We purchased this CD for our now five and a half year old when he was 4, and he is still nuts for it (as are we). We listen to the CD over and over at home, and have also found it to be a gem on long car trips. It does not bother us (or our son) at all that this CD does not come with books - it is a treasure on its own. I recommend this CD very highly.

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