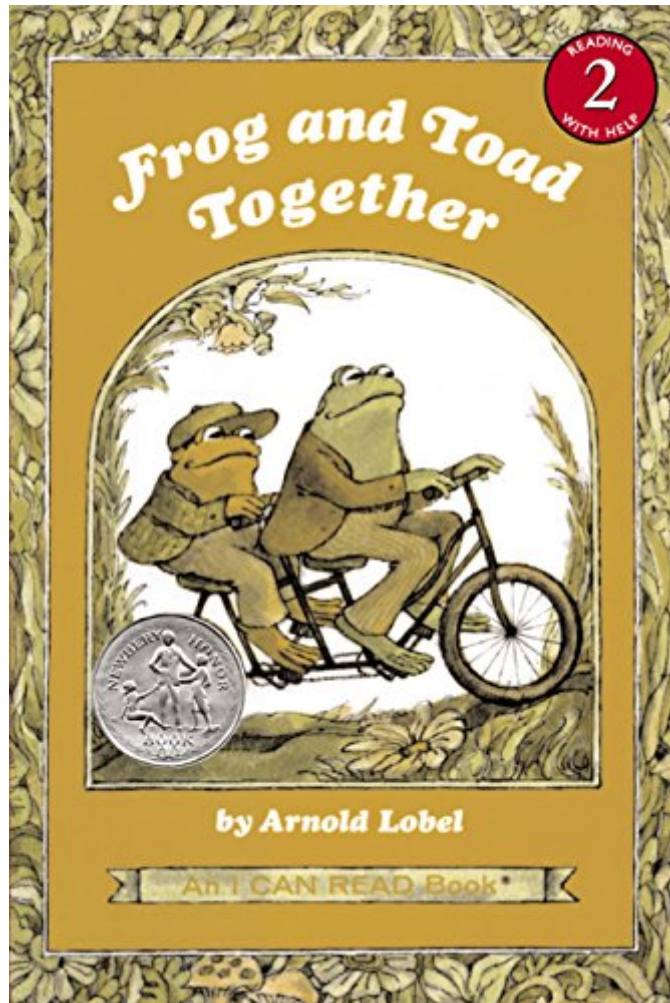


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# Frog And Toad Together (Frog And Toad I Can Read Stories Book 2)



## Synopsis

Frog and Toad are best friendsâ ”they do everything together. When Toad admires the flowers in Frog's garden, Frog gives him seeds to grow a garden of his own. When Toad bakes cookies, Frog helps him eat them. And when both Frog and Toad are scared, they are brave together. The School and Library Journal called this beloved story collection from Arnold Lobel "a masterpiece of child-styled humor and sensitivity." Winner of the Newbery Honor award, Frog and Toad Together is a Level Two I Can Read book, geared for kids who read on their own but still need a little help. Supports the Common Core Learning Standards

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## Customer Reviews

Frog and Toad have been around for years - I think of these as the first series books my older children read. Once a child starts reading (with Frog and Toad Are Friends), the second, third and fourth books are welcome friends themselves. This book, published in 1971, is the second of four. Toad is a bit negative and nervous, and worries about rules, while Frog is often cheerful and dedicated to alleviating Toad's fears and doubts. "A List" is a funny story remembered long after

reading it - Toad has a list of things to do, and anything not on the list can't be done. He loves to do something, then cross it off. But what happens when your list blows away, and "run after the list" wasn't even on the list. Worse, you can't remember what else was on the list. Frog is such a good friend, he just sits quietly with Toad as he struggles to figure out what to do. In "The Garden," Toad would like to have a garden like Frog has, and with Frog's encouragement, he starts one. He tries directing the garden to grow, until Frog (hearing all that shouting) gives him some advice on how to nurture a garden. "Cookies" is probably one of the best stories. Frog and Toad make cookies, and they are so good that they can't stop eating them. They determine it's about will power, and in the end they end up with no cookies "but we have lots and lots of will power." Frog says. "Dragons and Giants" is about Frog and Toad's fears and how they deal with them. "We are not afraid!" Frog and Toad screamed at the same time. A funny story that children will like.

There's something refreshing about a children's book that doesn't seem desperate for your attention: no bright colors, no flaps to flip, no embossed glitter, not even a rhyme, for Pete's sake. Yes, Arnold Lobel's Frog and Toad books are a different creature altogether -- awash in the Grumpy Old Man color palette, from Cigar to Pool Table -- and filled with odd little stories that cannot be read aloud without summoning the spirit of Walter Matthau. So why have these unlikely characters become regulars in my son's bedtime reading rotation? Maybe it's the grown-up, wise quality of the stories: though written simply, and always possessing great morality and sweetness, there is a worldly little undercurrent, like a secret joke that young readers can't quite figure out, but want to understand. This opaque quality is like catnip to a toddler: the mystery of adulthood right there on the page, so tantalizingly close, but still, so confounding! Frog is the upbeat one; Toad the darker, pondering one. While other reviewers have attempted to link them to everything from Buddhism to Catholicism -- I'll stick with the Odd Couple reference, if I may. These two are not friends DESPITE their differences, but BECAUSE of them (a nice lesson for kids to absorb, though it's never presented as a Lesson, of course) spending every waking minute together, exploring the woods and discussing the meaning of life (and cookies). Behind the scenes, you just KNOW they smoke pipes, drink Darjeeling, wear tweed and watch plenty of PBS (especially the British Comedies).

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