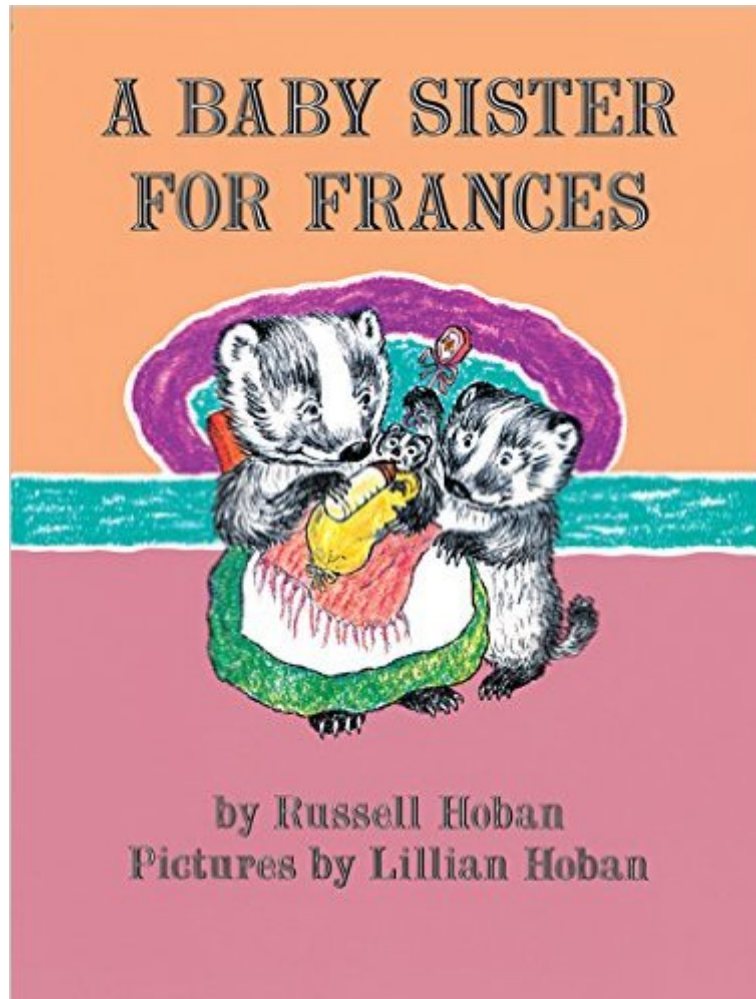


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# A Baby Sister For Frances (I Can Read Level 2)



## Synopsis

With a new addition to the family, Frances is feeling left out. So Frances decides to run away "but not too far! This new edition of Russell and Lillian Hoban's beloved classic is perfect for beginning readers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

It's a delightful kid's book. Who cares if the badger drinks from a bottle or eats chocolate sandwiches? If you're going to get technical, I didn't know badgers could talk. Really. that's the problem with America today - nobody has any fun anymore, and creativity has been stifled and replaced by accuracy. I loved this book and the entire Frances series growing up and love them now.

My family is fairly unanimous that this is our favorite Frances book (with "A Birthday For Frances" the likely runner up.) Frances both stands up to being excluded and learns not to do the same thing herself; her anger at Albert is realistic and her "revenge" funny but not cruel; and everyone resolves their conflicts in a friendly way. The wording of the exchanges between Frances and Albert is

exquisitely well done, I think: Hoban expresses such nuances in language that gets through to even small children. And last but not least, Frances's little songs are always hilarious and this book has some of the best ones of all, which my 2-year-old daughter has learned by heart.

My son, now almost three, is finally able to listen along to books that are actually interesting. In the last couple of weeks, we have taken the next step in picture books into books that have paragraphs on each page instead of just a sentence or a word or two. And in celebration of that, I pulled out the Frances books by Russell and Lillian Hoban. These books are just a treat, full of subtle situational humor that any parent can relate to. I'm sure many people are already familiar with these books, but you might consider picking them up again if you'd like a smile. Frances, a little badger who likes to make up her own songs, is so quintessentially child-like. She's clever and funny, but like with all children before a certain age (and what age is it? I'd like to know), it's really all about Frances. She has a little sister, Gloria, with whom she shares some natural sibling rivalry. And she has a lovely, patient, very understanding set of Badger parents, Mother and Father, who always seem to know what to say and do to support Frances but not encourage her natural, but more selfish urges. In *A Baby Sister for Frances*, Gloria is just a tiny bundle. Frances's nose is clearly out of joint at all the attention newborn Gloria is getting: "In the morning Frances got up and washed and began to dress for school. 'Is my blue dress ready for me to wear?' said Frances. 'Oh, dear,' said Mother, 'I was so busy with Gloria that I did not have time to iron it, so you'll have to wear the yellow one.' Mother buttoned Frances up the back. Then she brushed her hair and put a new ribbon in it and put her breakfast on the table. 'Why did you put sliced bananas in the oatmeal?' said Frances. 'Did you forget that I like raisins?' 'No, I did not forget,' said Mother, 'but you finished up the raisins yesterday and I have not been out shopping yet.' 'Well,' said Frances, 'things are not very good around here anymore. No clothes to wear. No raisins for the oatmeal. I think maybe I'll run away.' 'Finish your breakfast,' said Mother. 'It is almost time for the school bus.' 'What time will dinner be tonight?' said Frances. 'Half past six,' said Mother. 'Then I will have plenty of time to run away after dinner,' said Frances, and she kissed her mother good-bye and went to school." The story goes on, Frances does run away to under the dining room table, and eventually Mother and Father have a loud conversation about how necessary Frances is to their family which, of course, Frances overhears. The whole book is just lovely - clever and funny, with some parental patterning snuck in for the adult reader to learn from. And, remarkably, no matter how many times I read these books, Frances's adventures continue to ring true and amuse. Two thumbs up from me.

This "I can read" version cuts out much of the fun and poetry of the original text. If you want the original, don't get this one.

This book in the Frances series tells of Frances' trouble with having to share her parents with her new baby sister. In typical Frances style, she makes up songs about what she is doing, and complains loudly about things that she doesn't like. Her decision to run away to under the dining room table was a running joke in our family for months. Now if someone's nose gets bent out of shape we say "are you going to run away to under the dining room table?" It handles the needs of older siblings and their feelings very nicely and is a great ice breaker to help older kids talk about how a new baby impacts their lives.

We love Frances. She's fun. She makes up songs. She plays. I can actually remember some of the wandering days I did as a child and I think this is where I got the idea subconsciously. BUT.. I don't like how she calls him 'Mr Fat Albert' so I sorta edit that out. I don't want my child thinking that when you get upset, you call people names. Someday when she's reading herself, she'll know I did that. but at that point, we can discuss why it's sorta hurtful.

Frances's life is in upheaval because of her little sister's arrival. Suddenly she is not the focus of attention and schedules are disrupted, to say the least. So she runs away, to the dining room table!! love the Frances books, they are sweet and not condescending, a must for any children's library.

Frances (the main character) is a typical 3 year old. She has a little bit of an attitude but always does the right thing in the end. Her parents are excellent models w/ positive ways to parent. They are patient with her and allow her to find her way to the moral (w/out being religious) and right ending on her own. This book is great for older siblings who either have or will soon have a younger sibling. They can relate to how Frances feels and you can relate to the parents' feelings also.

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