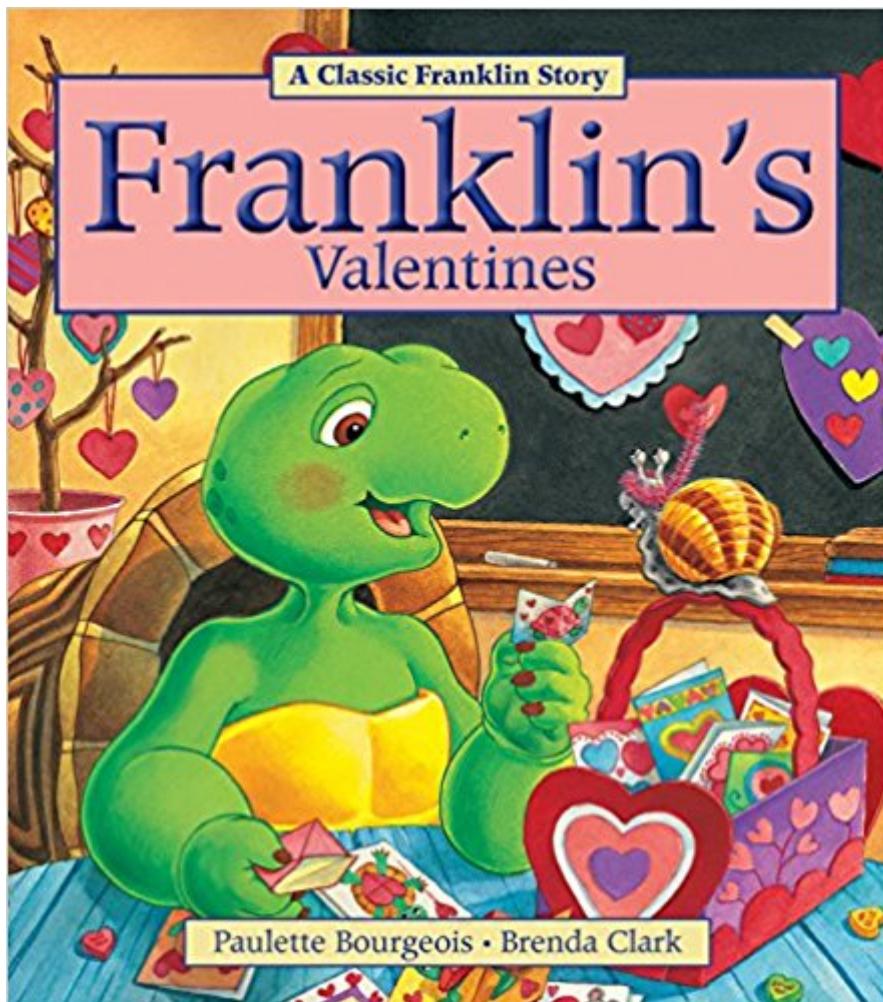


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# Franklin's Valentines



## **Synopsis**

In this Franklin Classic Storybook, it's Valentine's Day and Franklin can't wait to give his friends the cards he has made. But when he gets to school, he discovers that they're missing. Franklin is heartbroken and worried that now his friends won't want to give him any cards. Big hearts prevail and Franklin soon learns that he has very good friends --- and that he can be a good friend, too.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Paulette Bourgeois is the author of more than 40 books for children, including the In My Neighborhood series and Oma's Quilt. She lives in Toronto, Ontario. Brenda Clark is best known as the illustrator of the original Franklin the Turtle series written by Paulette Bourgeois. Other popular titles she has illustrated include Sadie and the Snowman, Big Sarah's Little Boots, and the award winning, Little Fingerling. Brenda lives in Port Hope, Ontario.

It was a good book.

love it

I truly love this book. I am trying to teach young children how wonderful it feels to be kind and this was the perfect book.

Great addition to my holiday library.

As a parent I love the Franklin series. They are entertaining while teaching life's lessons. My son is 4 and enjoys this book. It's long enough to tell a good story yet short enough for bedtime reading. This book is about telling your friends how special they are not necessarily about the valentine itself. I would buy again

Good story for kids.

[This review also appears on Andi's Kids Books.] Franklin is a beloved children's book character who appears in numerous picture books. He has even starred in his own TV show. Franklin's Valentines is one of those classic adventures by Paulette Bourgeois. Franklin spent a lot of time creating his valentines for his friends. But in his rush and excitement to get to school for the party that day, his valentines fell out of his backpack. When he calls home to see if they are there, Mother tells him they fell into a slush puddle and were ruined. Franklin runs out of the classroom and hides in the cloakroom, convinced that he doesn't belong at the party. Mr. Owl reassures him that it will be okay. Franklin returns to class and feels bad as his pile of valentines grows, but he has none to give in return. Bear tells him that he doesn't need a valentine to know Franklin is his friend. That evening, Franklin talks to his parents about making extra special cards for next year, but can't wait that long. The following morning, Franklin is busy cutting out new cards for his friends. When he delivers them to his friends, he tells them that they are in honor of Friendship Day, which can be any day you want. The most important lesson in this book is that real friends don't need material things from you to know that you are a friend. In today's society, it feels like there is more and more emphasis on giving gifts and treats for little to no reason whatsoever. Commercial valentines being passed out on February 14th are a perfect example of this. Something that is hand-crafted by a friend has that extra ingredient of love that cannot be emulated in a mass-produced card. The other aspect that I liked about this book is how Franklin comes to realize that you don't need to wait for a specific holiday to let your friends know you care about them. Friendship Day can happen at any time of year. It is more special when you decide you want to honor your friend. Reading this book reminds me of my

young students. On their own, they will create little cards, drawings and books for their friends, just because. The children are more impressed by these handmade gifts than they are by anything purchased in a store. When I read them this book, they seemed to relate to that aspect of the story, even at their young age (preschool through kindergarten). I received a complimentary set of galleys from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for this review.

We're a Franklin kind of family. The character that was first introduced to us on the TV channel Noggin when DinoBoy and Twinkletoes were younger. The kind of boy who you want to be your son - Mom and Pa Turtle were are role models for me as a parent. They never lose their temper. They never yell at their son. They quietly explain and discuss situations the way a "perfect" family would. I strive for their zen when dealing with their son's antics. I was asked by the Publisher to review this ebook, Franklin's Valentines via Netgalley.com. I am so excited to do so. While it is a few weeks past the big Valentine's Day, there is no reason this book can't be read to your children any day. We've read it quite frequently the past few weeks, me and Sweetart, on the iPad. Here's a blurb from the Publisher: In this Franklin Classic Storybook, it's Valentine's Day and Franklin can't wait to give his friends the cards he has made. But when he gets to school, he discovers that they're missing. Franklin is heartbroken and worried that now his friends won't want to give him any cards. Big hearts prevail and Franklin soon learns that he has very good friends--and that he can be a good friend, too. Here's what Sweetart and I thought (keep in mind she is going to be 4 soon): WE LOVED IT. I heard a lot of "more mamma's" and "again" out of her. She wanted to flip the page. She wanted to tell the story based on the illustrations. She also wanted to tell her friends that it is okay and accidents happen but they're still friends anyway. A great book with a great lesson behind it! Franklin's Valentines is a winner in our house! If you would like more information about Paulette Bourgeois, the author of this fabulous story, please visit her website.

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