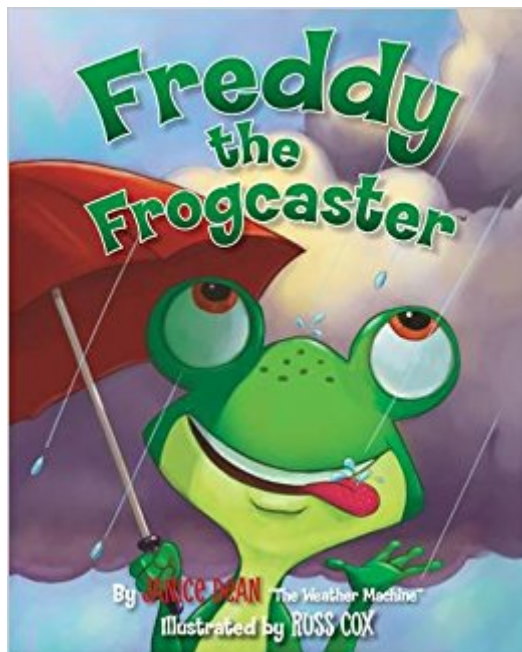


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# Freddy The Frogcaster



## Synopsis

Freddy the Frogcaster loves learning about the weather, and he's known for having the best predictions in town. But what happens when the town picnic is almost ruined by a storm that catches the local frogcaster by surprise? Freddy has to step in to save the day! Well-known Fox News broadcast meteorologist Janice Dean pens this exciting and hilarious tale about an aspiring weathercaster who can't keep his eyes off the sky. Children and adults will love the charming frog world Freddy lives in and the fun science lessons he shares. (With an activities section in the back.)

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

"Even amphibians should follow their dreams, and Janice has written a charming, whimsical story that will appeal to the inner 'frog child' in all of us! I see sunny skies ahead for Freddy, the frogcaster."#151;Kathie Lee Gifford, co-host, NBC Today#151; Kathie Lee & Hoda"For years, Janice Dean #145;The Weather Machine#151; has been making meteorology fun for millions of Fox viewers. With Freddy the Frogcaster she does it again#151;only this time we get the fun, along with some valuable life lessons. Our whole family loved this book!"#151;Megyn Kelly, host, Fox News Channel#151; The Kelly File

Known as "Janice Dean the Weather Machine," Janice Dean has been predicting the weather on Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network since 2004. She is a trained meteorologist and she loves to share her scientific knowledge, and the inspiration that led to her passion for weather, with kids and adults alike. Before Fox, she had a long career working at various radio and TV stations as a DJ, anchor, and host. Russ Cox is an award-winning illustrator and animator, and founder of Smiling Otis Studio. His illustrations have won first-place in the Published, People's Choice, and Emerging Artist categories at the New England The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators conference. He lives in Maine with his wife, their four cats, and a banjo.

Freddy the Frogcaster entertains while also teaching kids to love learning. Meteorologist Janice Dean combines her weather expertise with Russ Cox's engaging, humorous illustrations for a story that's irresistible to both child and parent. The text is inspiring and fun to read aloud. Freddy is a froggy who has loved weather since he was a baby. He studies weather patterns and shares them at show-and-tell and everywhere else he can. When the local TV meteorologist fails to do her job well, the town turns to Freddy. This little guy saves the day just in time for the big Leapfrog Picnic. Kids are inspired to study up on their own areas of interest. For those fascinated by Freddy's favorite field, there are several pages of meteorological definitions and explanations at the end of the book. My 7-year-old nephew loves it, and so does my 22-month-old son. Lately it's the only book he's grabbing from the bookshelf. I think younger kids are drawn in by the pictures, while older ones love that it's the little guy to the rescue.

What a great first book by Janice Dean "The Weather Machine"! Freddy the Frogcaster is a delightful story of a young frog named Freddy who just loves to learn about and forecast the weather. Janice does a great job of telling a cute story while teaching youngsters about the weather. Children will love how Freddy gains his knowledge about forecasting the weather and how he uses that knowledge to save the day for the town's picnic. Mixed in with the story are meteorological terms that children will learn as they read. The glossary in the back is very informative to help explain the words in depth. The cast of characters in the book will make you smile: Sally Croaker, meteorologist for the Frog News Network and Mrs. Fibian, Freddy's teacher are two of my favorites. Not only is the story cute and humorous, it also teaches a lesson. Freddy helped the mayor and the town by warning of nasty weather that could disrupt the town's picnic and put the frogs in danger. What I liked is how the mayor trusted Freddy, even though he's a young frog. There are great

lessons there. The illustrations are colorful and humorous and will keep a child's attention. With an entertaining story and wonderful illustrations, this is a must have book for children. Adults will enjoy it, too, as I have!

My 6 year old has all of her books on Freddie the Frogcaster. He has me read them to him over and over. He loves all the facts in the back of the book. He is learning to love weather information! Even wants to watch the weather channel now too. He keeps looking for Janice Dean, but we keep missing her on Fox News Channel.

I like the idea for the story and I bet the illustrations are adorable. However, I accidentally ordered it in Kindle format instead of hard cover. It won't play on my kindle or PC. So I wasted my money. Even though I'm very disappointed that I can't read it, I give it 4 stars so as not to drag down the ratings for the author who wasn't responsible for my stupid mistake. Since then, I've ordered it in print and am very pleased with it. My granddaughter loves it.

I bought the whole Freddy series for my 5 YO granddaughter because she's always asking questions about weather. She reads at a third grade level but her mom still sits with her to answer new questions. She loves the books. I was a little anxious when I bought the one on tornadoes, because she's afraid of any thunderstorm--thinks a tornado might take her house away or hurt her and her parents. The book helped her better understand rain, hail, thunder, etc, and now she is MUCH less fearful when she hears thunder or sees dark clouds. She understands what's happening, what to do if the storm is really bad, and she's not really afraid like before. Thank you, Janice Dean, for calming her with information!

This was one really fun, cool and neat little book. And I seriously am telling you, you grownups out there, you can get this for the kid but YOU WILL hehe, enjoy the book almost as much as the kid will :) I gave it as a gift and from the latest I heard, she loves it, and like I say, it tells what all those things they always show and dotted line and other wavy things when doing the weather on the news. The story line is just about the right length for most kids and is also a "happy and glad" story line for a change. So, everyone will love this book in your family, I'm sure of that. And hey, who can beat Janice Dean anyway? Hehehe Her humour comes through in the book.

The book has bright and colorful pictures, and a good storyline where working hard at what you

enjoy will have its rewards. Some large words that must be explained to younger folks - e.g. meteorologist, barometer, etc... but they have to learn them sometime so why not now. The term "frogcasting" is innovative, however again, the younger folks may not make the translation to forecast without a little help at first. I recommend it and recommend mom or dad or grand ma or pa read along so all can learn together. In the back are meteorological terms explained after the story depending on the age. A fun book. A good story. Some words that may need to be explained but words they will hear everyday in the weather reports.

I love Janice Dean on FOX weather and she's written a very informative cute book for children. My grand children are a little young but I'm saving it to have as a gift later on when they can enjoy it. It's a large book 11x9 so a good size to hold and share with a child (K to grade 2) and the illustrator, Russ Cox did an excellent job.

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