

Dear Teacher

John Bianchi and I spent many years creating engaging books for youngsters learning to read. Troubles with Bubbles is one of our most popular in The New Reader series.

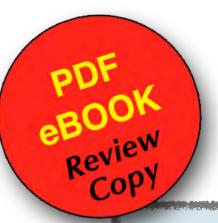
I am now working on converting many of our picture books into a PDF format so they can be presented in classrooms and used during online lessons. We hope you will find this review copy useful in your work with young readers. Feel free to share this REVIEW copy with your fellow teachers. We hope you can help us spread the word. (Our other PDF books cost only \$1.)

I also ask you to please take a minute to drop us a note with your comments and suggestions on this book and our PDF concept.

Thank you.

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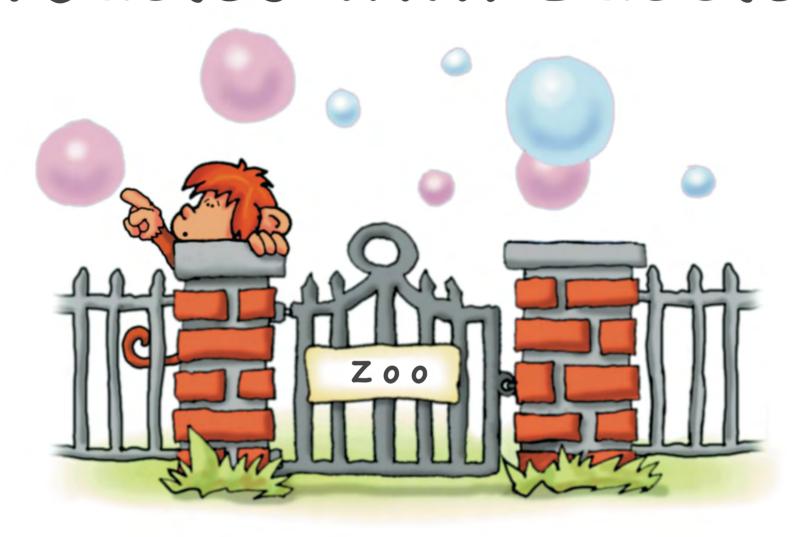
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copy is free to share to help
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resource. The other eight
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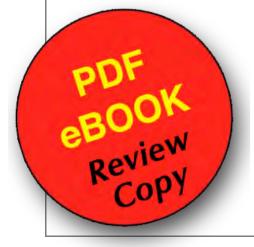
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Troubles with Bubbles





Written by Frank B. Edwards Illustrated by John Bianchi

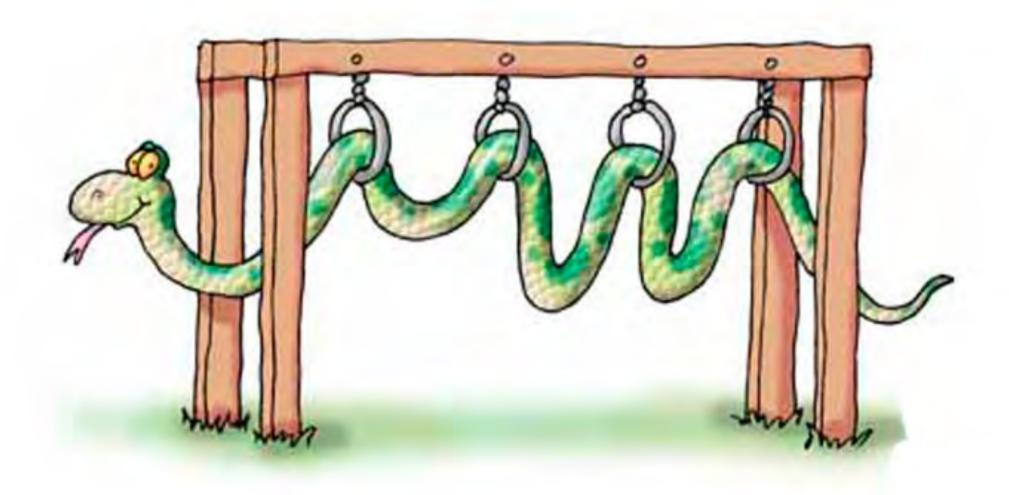
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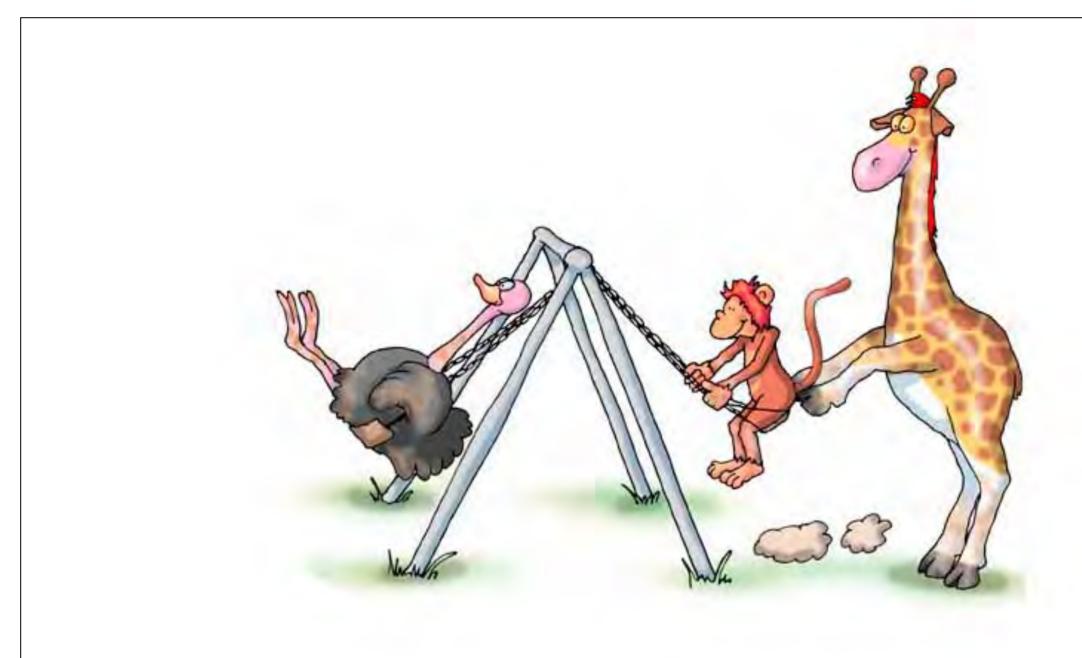
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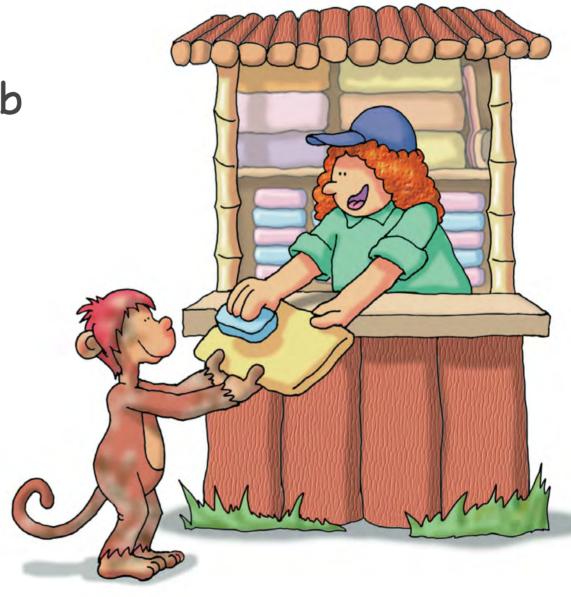
dust

I am dirty.

I want to be clean.



Go to the tub and scrub with soap and water.



We are dirty.
We want to be clean.



Go to the tub and scrub with soap and water.



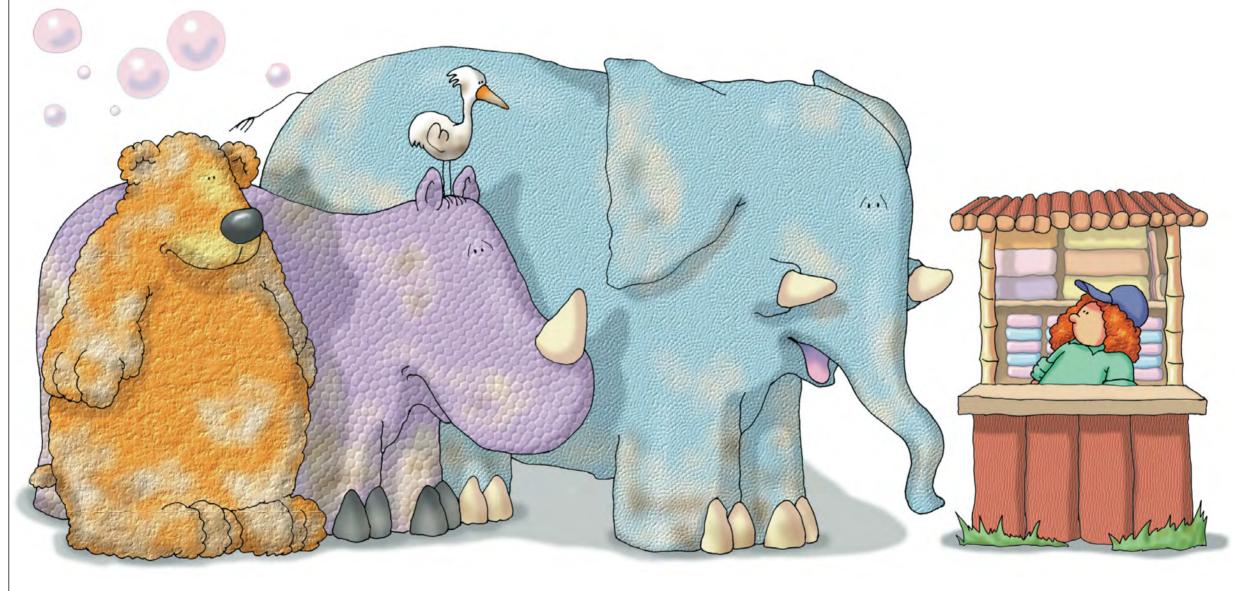
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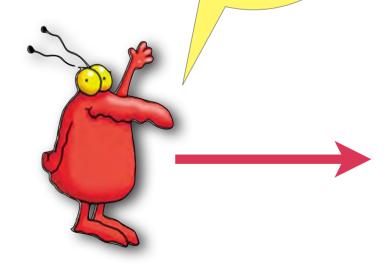


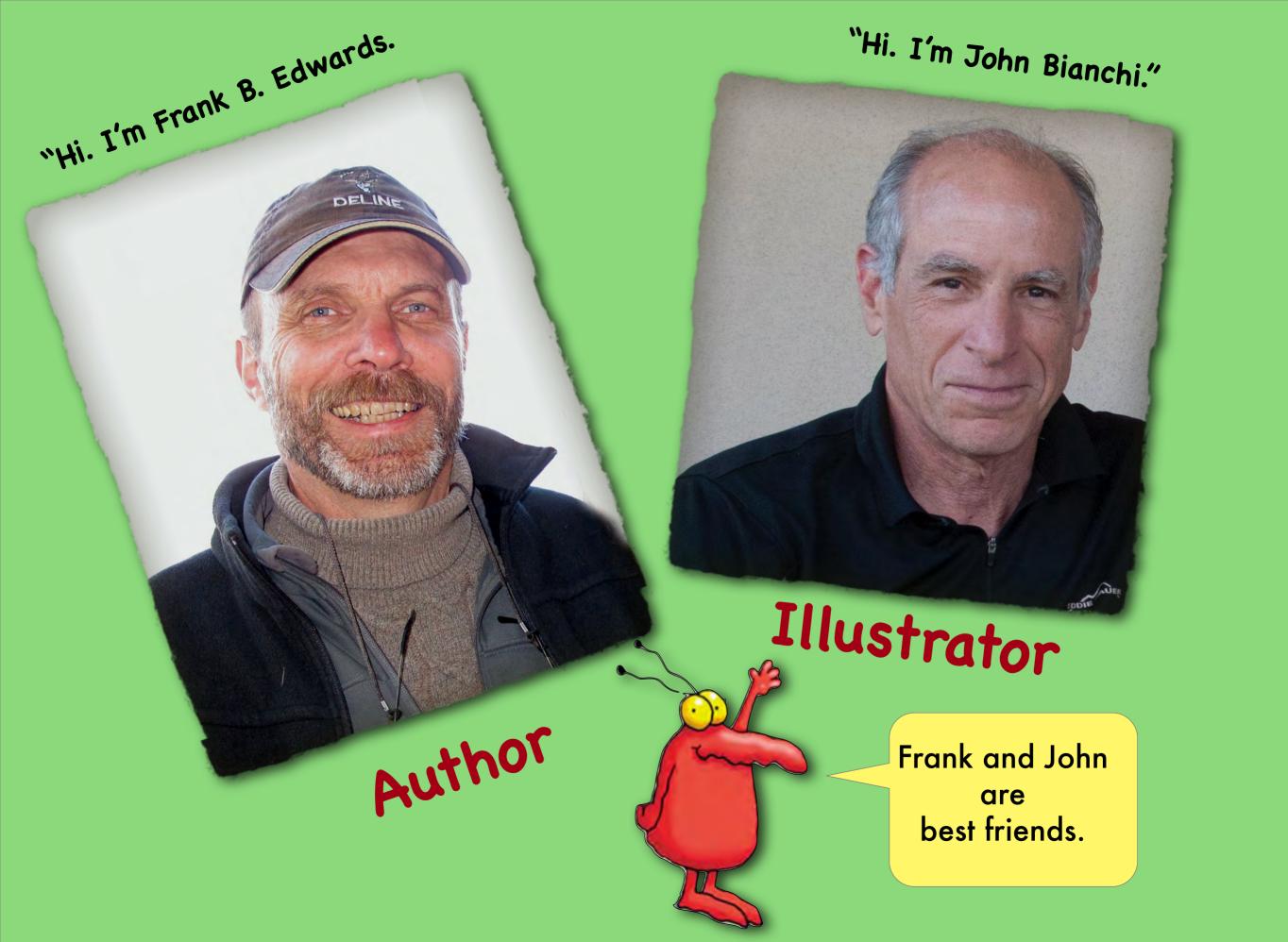




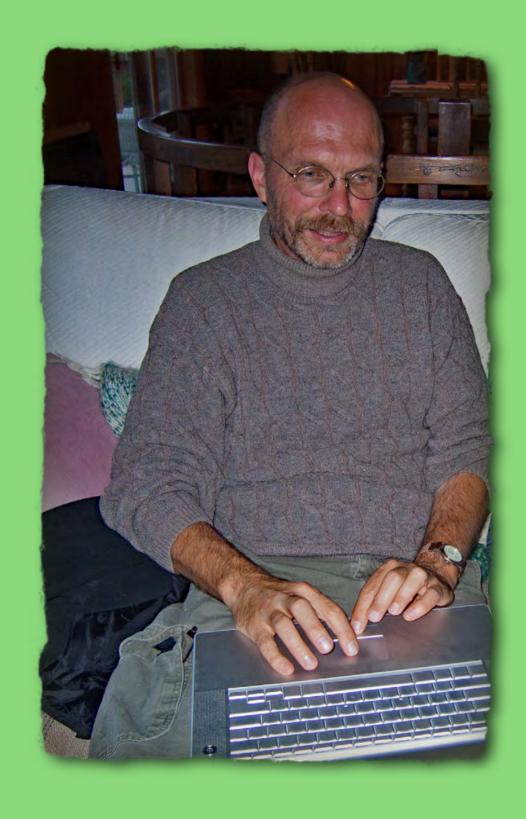
The End

Let's meet the author and the illustrator.









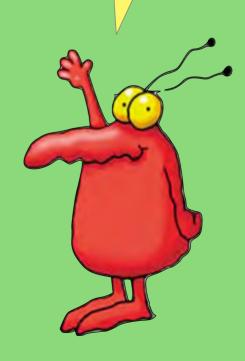
Frank writes on his computer.

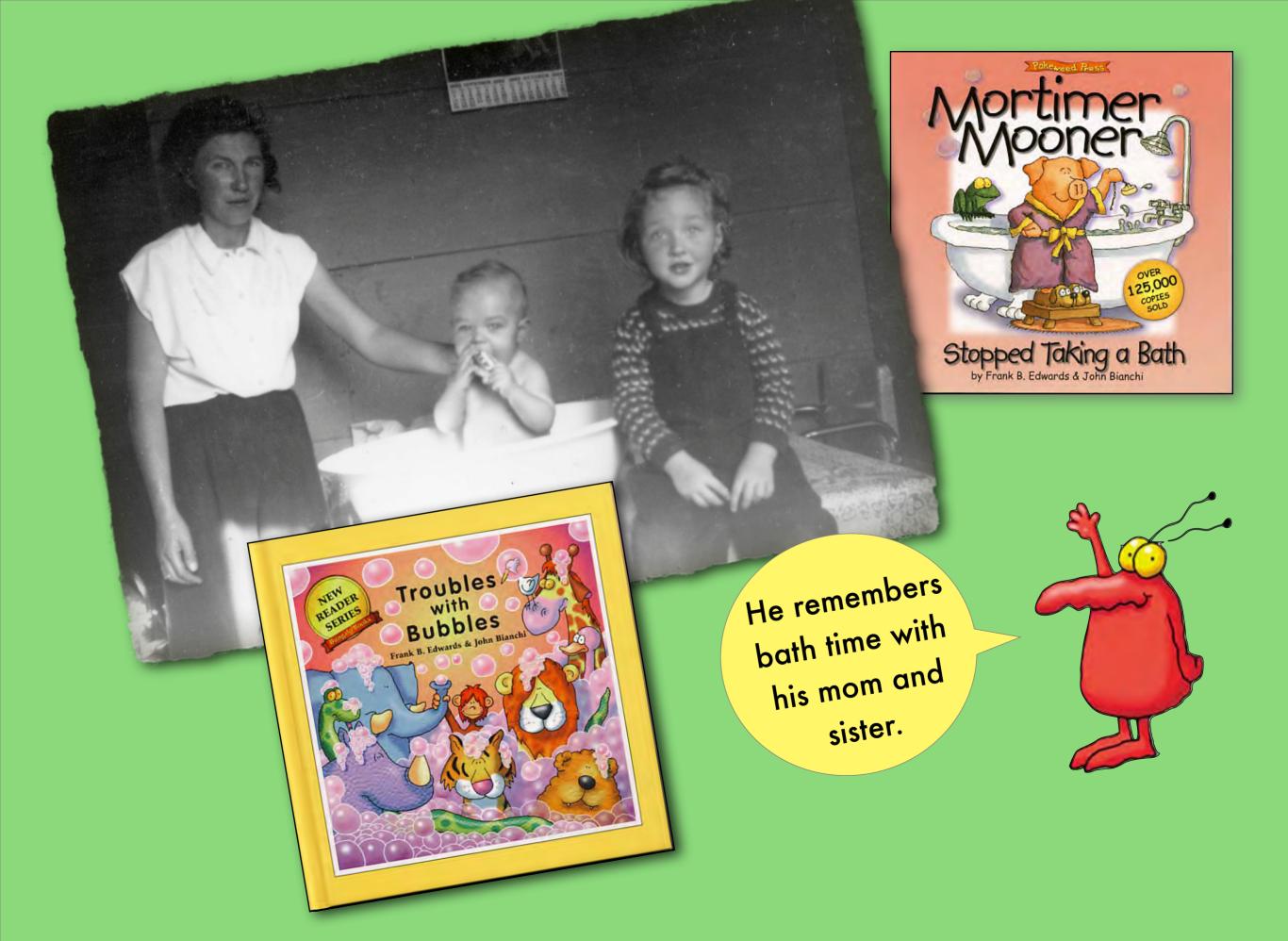


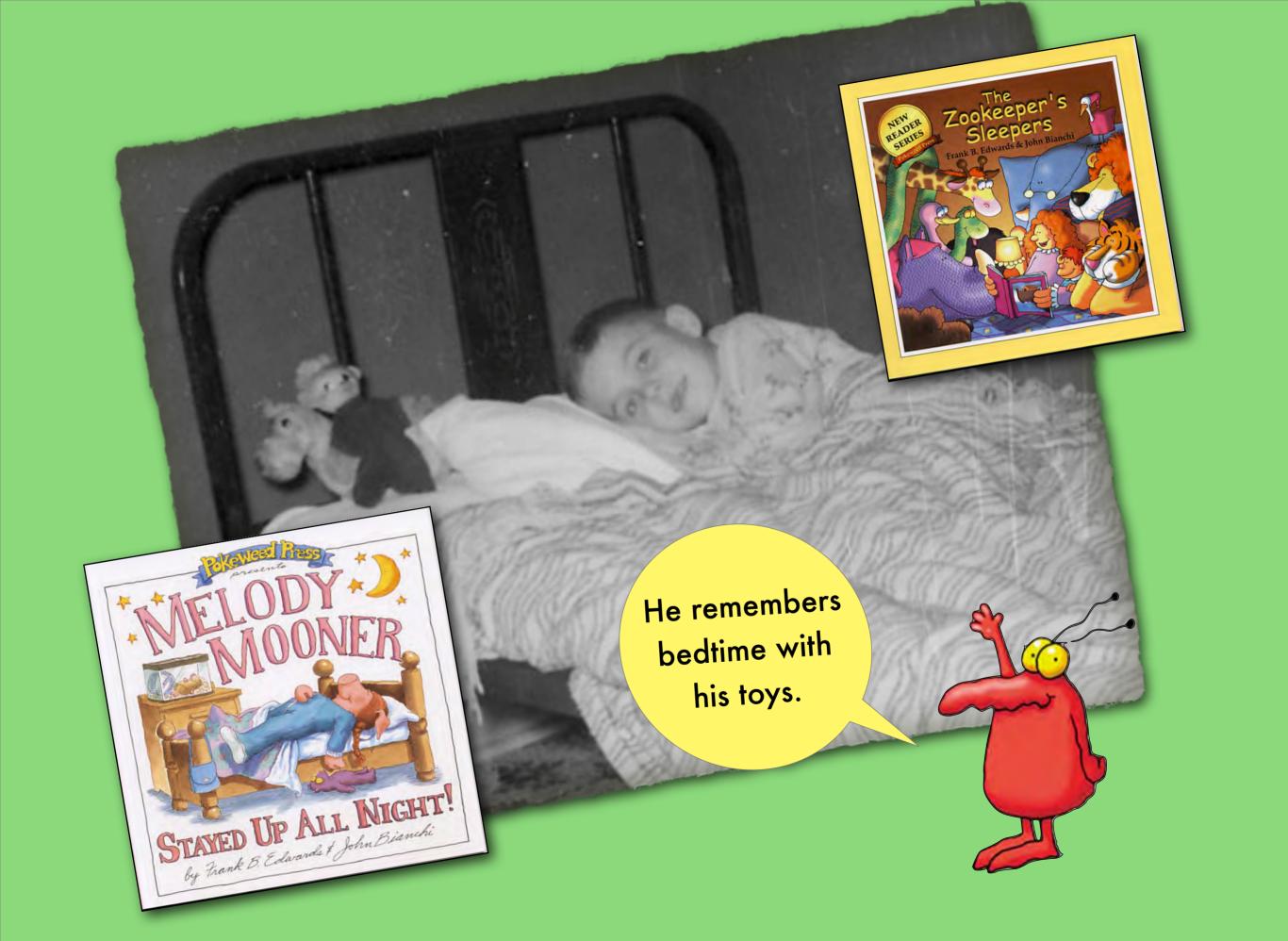


This is Frank in kindergarten.

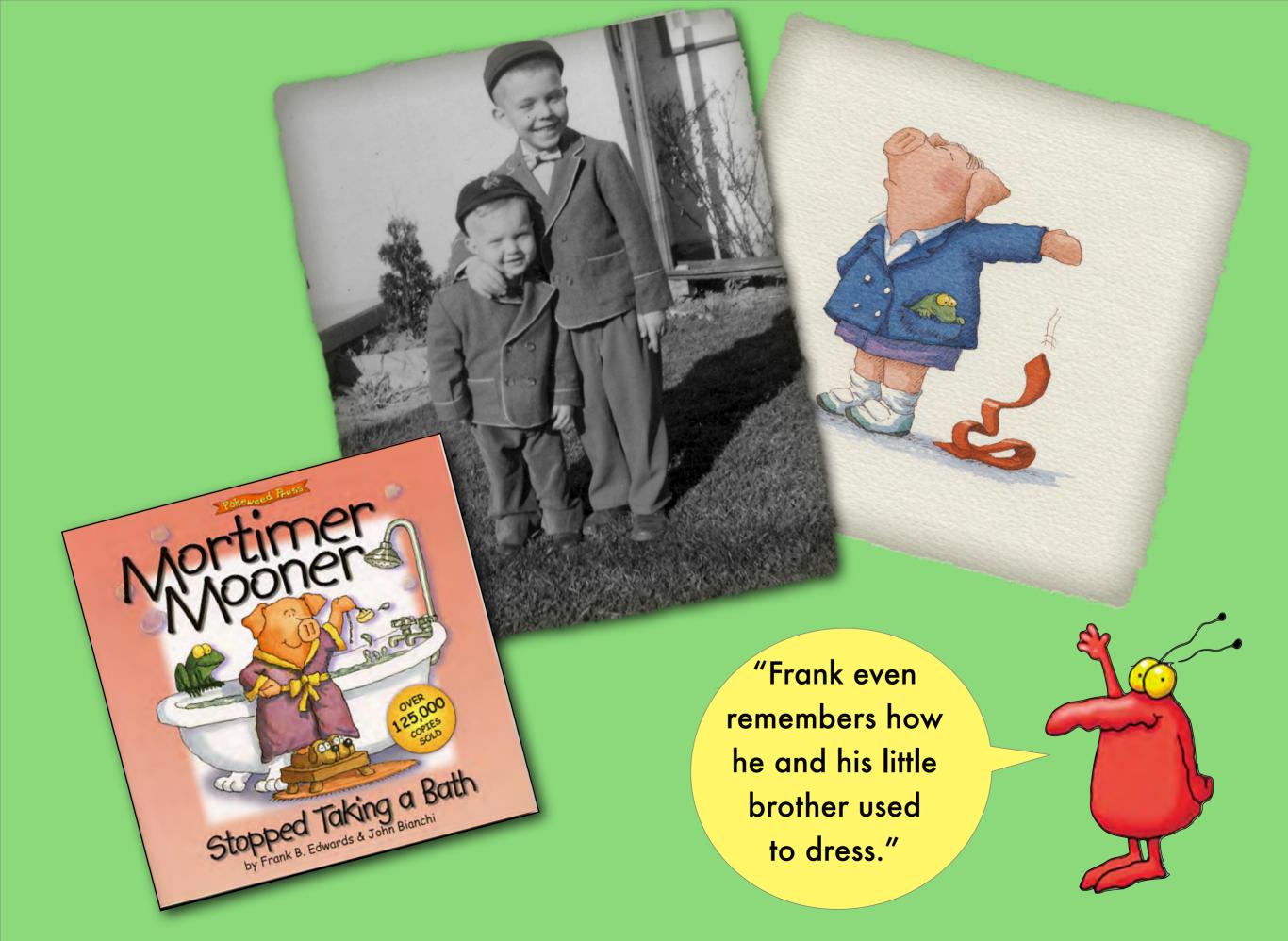
Frank remembers what it was like to be a kid.

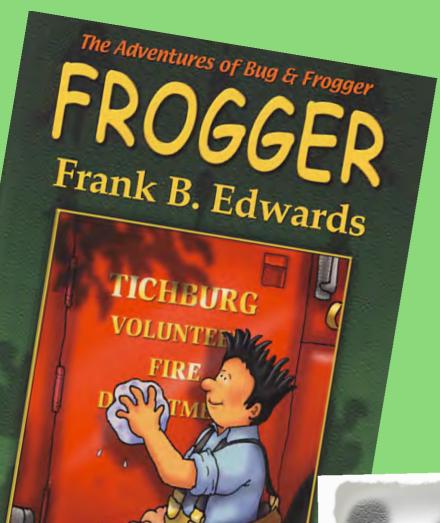






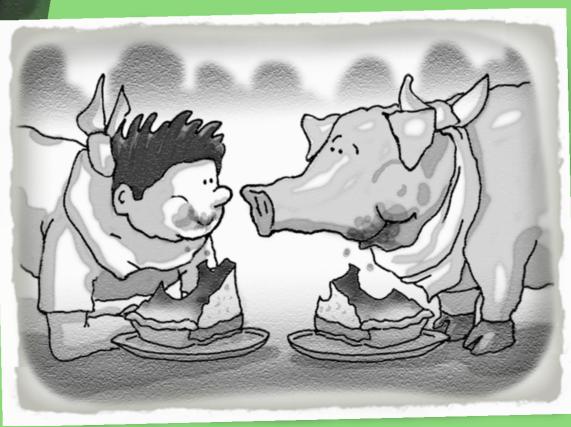




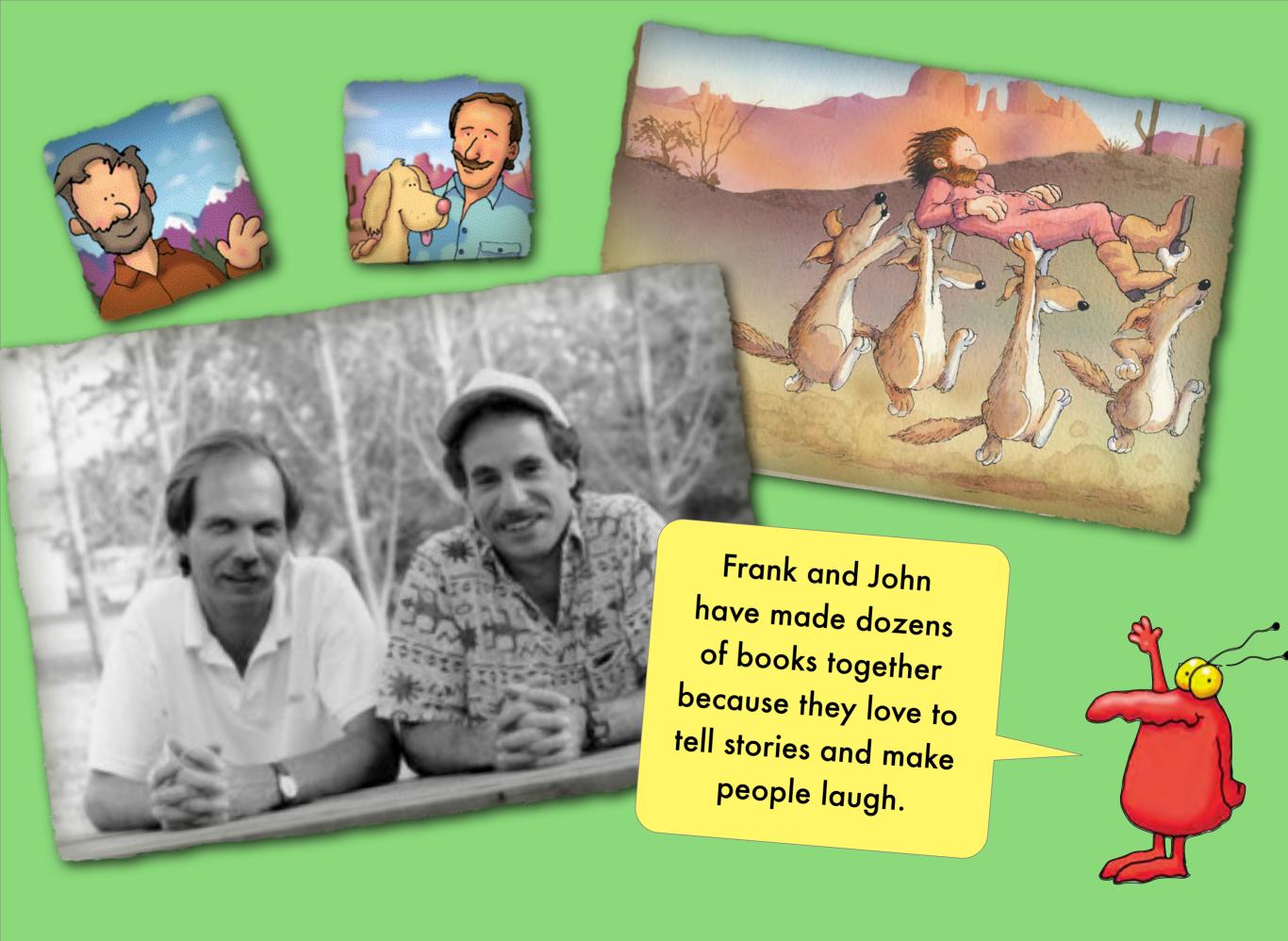


Illustrated by John Bianchi

And sometimes he turns those memories into stories.











Some Friendly Advice from the Author

The nine books in our **New Reader** series are carefully designed to engage new readers. There are a lot of repetitive and predictable patterns in the books so that young readers will quickly learn the basic vocabulary that each presents. Some books use companion words (please and thank you, lost and found, etc.); others use rhyme and rhythm



The author, age two, with his parents and sister.

Pay attention to the number patterns in the stories. Most of the books introduce animal characters incrementally — first one animal, then two, then three and, finally, four. (They add up to 10!)

Nightgown Countdown counts backwards.



"I still remember the power I felt in Grade One as I began learning to read."



Once children start to master the text through memory, have them point out individual words as they "read" them.

The pictures are very important elements. New readers will be able to pick up word cues by looking at the pictures. Avoid the temptation to race through the books — linger over the illustrations and share. Talk about the characters, the colours, emotions and objects in the pictures.

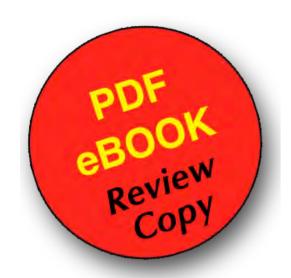
Most importantly, have fun with the book.

There are many different ways to use these bright little books. Just be prepared to have your child read them to you. Again and again and again. Enjoy.

READING FOR THE FUN OF IT



Watch how Frank reads *The Zookeeper's Sleepers* to his three-year old grand daughter on the Bungalo Books Youtube channel.





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Pokeweed Press and **Bungalo Books** were founded by author/editor Frank B. Edwards and author/illustrator John Bianchi in the 1980s in order to publish the zany kind of books they thought kids would love. Together the friends created almost 40 illustrated books.

Frank and John have devoted many years to promoting reading to children. They toured hundreds of schools across Canada and the United States encouraging kids, parents and teachers to READ FOR THE FUN OF IT.

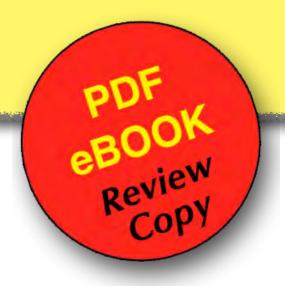
Today, their books — in many different formats — are available at www.Pokeweed.com

Please visit to see what new tricks Pokeweed has up its sleeve.

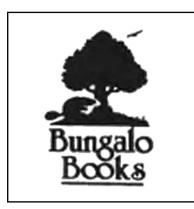
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Some Useful Links



Bungalo Books' website has lots of information about John Bianchi, Frank B. Edwards and the books they've created, including a new generation of multmedia iBooks for both children and adults.



Pokeweed Press' website is an online bookstore that offers many of the Bungalo and Pokeweed titles in print as well as a new line of digital storybooks in PDF format suitable for classroom and home use. The books include New Readers, picture books, juvenile novels, some non-fiction and a couple of audio books. The PDFs cost just \$1 each.



The Bungalo Books' Youtube channel has two excellent short videos (developed in conjunction with Kingston Literacy). One shows how to engage children with even the simplest storybook and the second illustrates 10 simple steps to "kid-literacy."

We are always happy to hear from our readers – kids, parents and teachers – so please feel free to send us an email with your thoughts and reviews. Just click on the pic.



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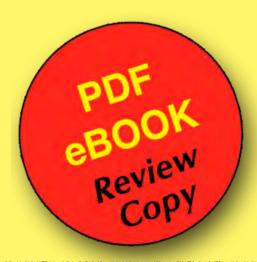
Thank you for giving the PDF picture book Troubles with Bubbles a trial. We hope your students enjoyed their time with it.

We would love to hear about your experience.

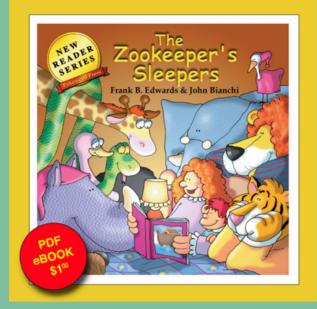
- Did you use the ebook online or in the classroom?
- Did you use the book for a regular story time or did you create a theme for it?
- Do you have any suggestions for extra resources to support use of this book?

Thank you.

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fun stories for all your own New Readers



A Crowded Ride in the Countryside Frank B. Edwards & John Bianchi

