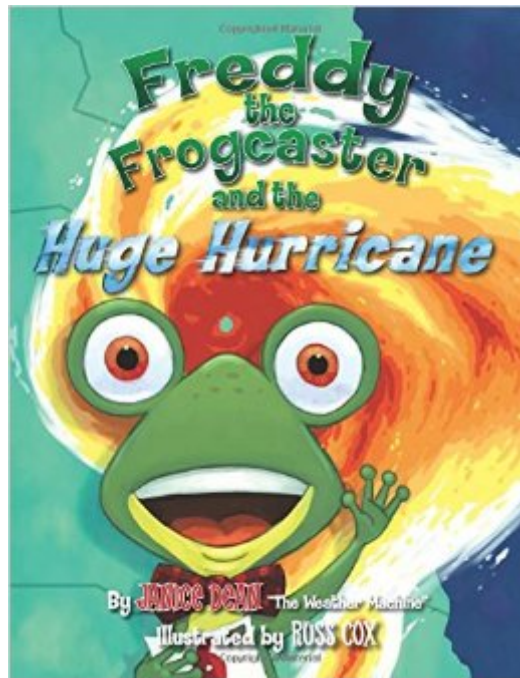


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# Freddy The Frogcaster And The Huge Hurricane



## Synopsis

Freddy the Frogcaster is tracking the weather at Frog News Network when he realizes a huge hurricane is coming! Can the town of Lilypad prepare for the storm in time? Can Freddy report the weather on TV and make sure his family and friends are safe? Fox News Meteorologist Janice Dean "The Weather Machine" continues her beloved Freddy the Frogcaster series in this whirlwind adventure that will leave readers with lasting real-life advice on how to prepare for hurricane season.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

My boys are huge fans of Freddy and were delighted when I showed them I had a new book. My youngest just finished second grade and couldn't wait to put his hands on this book, and the oldest just finished fourth grade, he loves frogs and the cover looked like it had been made just for him. Freddy is now on summer vacation and now has more time to spend at the Frog News Network, and watch as Hurricane Andrea heads toward the Lilypad. We meet Mr. Flyswatter, he owns the local hardware store, and he reports that he is out of plywood and flashlights. We have Polly Woggins reporting on the scene, and we buckle down as the hurricane heads toward them. What a great storyteller Janice Dean is, her use of comical names for the characters kept the kids reading

and giggling. Besides treating them with the giggles she also taught them about hurricanes in a way they could understand. Thanks Ms. Dean, please keep these books coming, we love them!! I received this book through the publisher Regency Kids, and was not required to give a positive review.

Fox News broadcast meteorologist, Janice Dean, has done it again. Her third title in the picture book series about Freddy the Frogcaster contains all the winning elements of her earlier entries. Aside from my having a couple of minor complaints, Freddy the Frogcaster and the Huge Hurricane is an engaging and educational story. The colorful and cartoonlike illustrations also have high appeal. Summer vacation has just started for Freddy and his friends. A trip to the shore in the upcoming week is planned. Light wind, low humidity, and clear blue skies seem to indicate perfect weather conditions. Except what? That big swirl of clouds on the satellite images? Oh no! The first tropical storm of the season has started. What? Even worse, it's headed straight towards Lilypad! Hmm, if this plot setup seems familiar, that's because storms were also headed towards Lilypad in the first two titles. In this third title, Freddy's family and friends no longer even need his help. Instead the town has gotten good at preparing for bad weather, having previously encountered thunderstorms and then a blizzard. But wait! There's a twist. Someone needs to report updates on the weather and it can't be regular broadcaster Polly Woggins who has braved the elements long enough. Who will take her place? Will it be Freddy? The mere thought makes his voice shake. "Weather watching was one thing. But talking in front of a camera? That was a different story." In my opening paragraph, I mentioned that I had a couple of complaints. Dean successfully overcomes a formulaic plot with her twist, but this leaves me with an issue about her style. After initially keeping her dialog tags simple, Dean falls into the error of bloating them. Characters notice, call, explain, ask, bellow, wink, yell, report, suggest, shout, cheer, and exclaim. On the positive side, right along with relating to Freddy's fears, readers will get educated about weather. As Sally reports the news, readers will discover the difference between tropical storms and hurricanes. When Freddy hurries home to his family, readers will learn the basics of how to prepare for natural disasters. As the hurricane descends upon Lilypad, readers will also figure out the signs for when the eye of a storm is near. When clean-up begins the next day, readers will also grasp what types of damage storms can create. None of these details weigh down the story. Instead Dean wisely saves more detailed explanations for back pages, where Freddy talks at length about the origins of hurricanes, defines storm surges, and provides information about how hurricanes are named and what hurricane hunters are. Dean clearly knows weather! Finally, there is the artwork. With the onset of summer,

backgrounds start out bright blue and yellow. Then as the storm brews, backgrounds become a stark contrast of bold purples and even black. The characters are larger-than life in size, as well as dramatic in their vivid greens. Award-winning illustrator Russ Cox has also provided each frog with his or her own expressive face and personality. Everything works with the artwork. As part of a research paper last year, some of my students studied storms. Freddy the Frogcaster and the Huge Hurricane would have made an entertaining reference for them. As for me, I'm happily collecting Dean's whole series of weather picture books.

I just read Freddy the Frogcaster and the Hugh Hurricane. I think that Freddy is becoming quite a celebrity. He is headed for Stardom. It is a delightful book. It is visually beautiful, educational, well written and entertaining for the young and the young at heart. Congratulations Janice. You did it again. Freddy has his "Masters in Frogcasting".

The book is colorful and informative. I bought it for a Kindergarten class and I think it is a little too advanced. However, since we experience Hurricanes here in SE Texas, the children will probably understand it.

Freddy is an adorable character and his adventures in weather predicting are cute and easy for young kids to understand. The information pages at the end of the story are useful in helping me to further explain weather to my grandkids.

Love Janice Dean - book is excellent

The third Freddy book by Janice Dean did not disappoint! I have bought them all for my grandkids-they love them! They love this one especially since we're all from Louisiana and have experienced them !

This is another book to finalize my collection. Living in a land lock area, it is hard for my students to imagine the affects of a hurricane on people. This gives a good overall view and how we can help others in need during a disaster. .

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