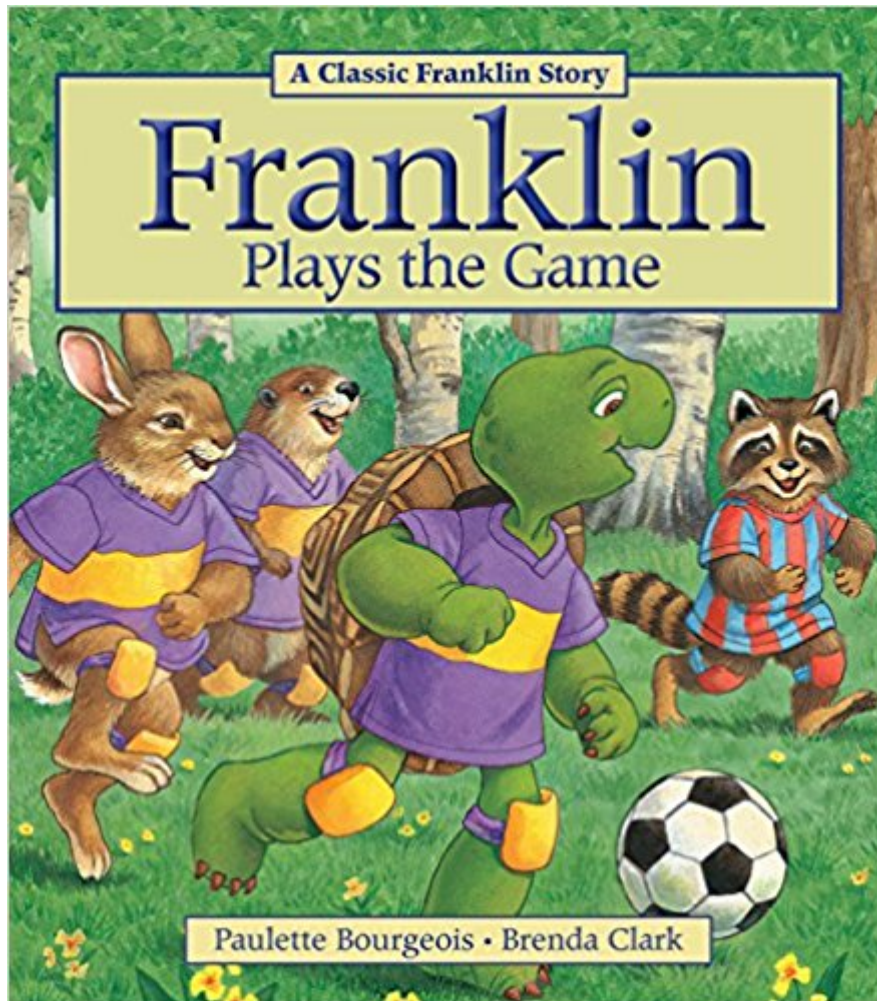




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# Franklin Plays The Game



## Synopsis

In this Franklin Classic Storybook, our hero can count forwards and backwards. He can zip zippers and button buttons. He can slide down a riverbank by himself. He can even sleep alone in his small, dark shell. And he's trying very hard to be the best player on his soccer team.

## 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.

The Franklin books are charming, and it is so much fun for the little one to enlarge the picture or focus in on a specific part of it. Nice stories, too, but the pictures that can be manipulated are the best!

We love love love our Franklin books!

Love the Franklin books!

My 4 year old niece loves the Franklin books! So far I have been happy with all of the Franklin books I have.

I would probably rate this higher, except my daughter wants it read every night, so I've gotten a little tired of it :-)

This story is about Franklin's love for soccer. He likes everything about soccer, even his team's uniforms. Sometimes he even wore his purple and yellow jersey and matching knee pads when he wasn't playing soccer. Franklin practiced in the park before every game, he would kick the ball with the inside of his foot, but the problem was the ball never went where he wanted it to. No matter how many times he kicked it, it always went where he didn't intend it to go. Goose was just walking into the park and she watched Franklin's ball fly the other way into the bushes. They both told each other that they thought they would never score a goal. Goose had trouble because she always forgot that the rules say that she can't touch the ball unless she is the goalie, but Goose's wings were so big that it was hard to keep from touching the ball. Beaver walked up and told them that she had trouble because her tail was so long and heavy that it dragged her down so much that it was hard to run, but the biggest problem they all had was that their team had never won a game. Their coach always told them to go out and have fun before every game, and they did, but it would be nice to feel what it was like to win. That day they lost another game. It was an embarrassing loss too. Franklin didn't score a goal when he could have and the game ended with all of the team's players ending up in a pile while they were chasing the ball. Coach told them that they had to work as a team and share the ball. Bear's winning team walked across the field and lined up for handshakes with the other team. As Bear came to Franklin he said, "Nice try Franklin." Franklin went into his shell didn't come out. Bear was bouncing the soccer ball up and down and asked Franklin to come out. Bear bounced the ball down and as it came up Franklin came out of his shell and the ball hit him in the head and went flying straight at Goose. Goose spread her wings and stopped the ball dead in its tracks. Franklin knew what his team had to do to start scoring some goals. His team practiced everyday until the next game and they were really excited to show the other team what they could do now. It was time for their last game and they were ready to show the other team what they had been working on. They went out onto the field and were ready to go, but in the first few

minutes of the game Bear's team scored a goal. Franklin's coach called a timeout and told them that it was time for their special play. They went back out on the field and put the play into action and they scored, but it wasn't enough Bear's team scored in the final minutes of the game and won two to one. Franklin's team coach gave ribbons to everyone for their great teamwork and effort and after they all went and got ice cream to celebrate. This would be a good book to read to children because it explains the importance of teamwork. It also explains to kids that it's not always about winning but having fun. Kids need to know about these things because if they don't they can get to competitive and they could get aggressive when they don't get what they want.

Franklin is every young child's friend. They can instantly connect with the young turtle's sense of adventure and enjoy watching him work through familiar problems and solve them in his own way. All of them have been authored by Paulette Bourgeois and illustrated by Brenda Clark. They obviously made a wonderful team, since they have sold over 60 millions copies in over 30 languages. The stories are engaging and the pictures delightful. I love these books!!!

This was a very helpful tool to teach my daughter the value of being a team player. It also was helpful in pointing out that everyone has special skills you just have to look for them. This book also is excellent in pointing out that winning is not what is most important!

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