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FROG ADVENTURES IN HOLIDAY STOCKINGS MAY MAKE FOR

Smarter Kids

While there's nothing new about kids loving music, science involving music and the brain proves that learning music early in life enhances brain development. In the fantastical Freddie the Frog® 4-book series (hardcover with companion CD; \$23.95 each) preschool through elementary-age children learn musical concepts while immersed in Freddie's colorfully illustrated adventures.

Now a nationally beloved fictional children's book character, Freddie the Frog, has become the mascot of music education for kids. Developed and authored by music teacher and speaker Sharon Burch, these books and companion CDs provide an accessible, entertaining and highly effective form of literature-based music education that kids absolutely love.

"Nothing compares to music in brain stimulation and development," notes Burch. "The plethora of music and brain research findings are clear - music training profoundly affects brain development and music education benefits every child.

The Freddie the Frog books were purposely developed to make learning music easy and fun!"

Enjoy a narrated sneak peek inside Freddie's world online at: <http://vidego.multicasm.com/player.php?v=ou387311> and discover the cognitive benefits of music at: www.freddiethefrogbooks.com/childmusicoutline.html.

The Freddie the Frog 4-Book Series includes:

Freddie the Frog and the Thump in the Night

This book introduces emergent readers to fundamental music concepts in a fun and exciting way. In it, Freddie is a frog who lives with his parents on Treble Clef Island. He is awakened in the middle of the night by a strange thumping noise. Frog-eating crocodiles, a swinging rope bridge, and a

humongous gray monster are all part of Freddie's adventure as he explores the island in search of the thump. Through Freddie's adventures on the island, the reader is introduced to the treble clef staff as a map of where Freddie lives. Readers are captivated as the staff comes to life with the combination of illustrations and enclosed CD narration and music. A bonus of two sing-a-long songs, "Froggie Went A-Courtin" and "Eli's Hokey Pokey", sung by Freddie and friend, Eli, are included on the CD.

Book/CD 2: Freddie the Frog and the Bass Clef Monster

In this adventure, Freddie awakens from hibernation to discover he is not on his beloved Treble Clef Island. Freddie's search for home leads him through Frog Land—a strange place full of bizarre creatures all pointing him to the BasClef Monster who "loves frogs." Discover the dancing bees, a moonlit cocoon garden, the fire-breathing dragon, and dare to meet the Bass Clef Monster. Building on the first book, Freddie the Frog and the Thump in the Night, that introduces readers to the treble clef, the Bass Clef Monster introduces nine notes of

the bass clef simply by playing the CD and turning the pages. The lines and spaces represent each part of this eerie adventure and the sound effects and music bring it to life. Sing-a-long songs included too.

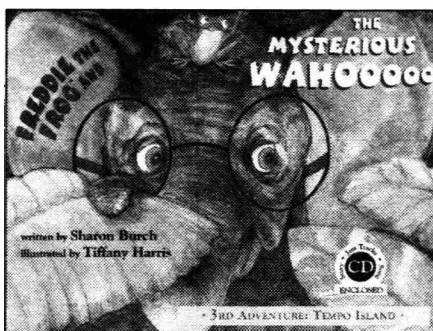
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Book/CD 3: Freddie the Frog and The Mysterious Wahoooooo

In this book kids discover the tempos, rhythms, and beats of Tempo Island with Freddie and his best friend Eli the Elephant. It guides kids in playing rhythm instruments to the rhythm and beat along with Eli and Freddie who find themselves stranded on a nearby island. They follow the mysterious "Wahoooooo" through the jungle and try to communicate with the purple elephant in charge. Will he help them return home? Echo, chant, and play along with Freddie and Eli to learn the beats and rhythms of Tempo Island. The audio CD includes the dramatized story, sing-a-long songs, and jam tracks to play your own created rhythm. Ages 4-9.

Book/CD 4: Freddie the Frog® and the Secret of Crater Island

This book teaches six note names and completes the treble clef staff that the first book in the series, Freddie the Frog and the Thump in the Night, introduced. Freddie and Eli discover a buggy world under the azaleas. The two friends join the Blue Beetle Bugs in a quest to find the secret on Crater Island, (middle C)! This book includes peek-through pages and an enclosed audio CD includes the dramatized story, sing-a-long songs, and jam tracks to play along with the 12-Bar Blues. Ages 4-9.



About Author Sharon Burch

A music teacher, speaker, and author, Sharon Burch developed an effective method using fiction and fantasy to teach musical concepts to preschool through elementary-age students both in the classroom and at home. Sharon and Freddie share their interactive teaching methods in elementary music with educational groups across the country. Also an author and presenter, Burch holds a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Truman University in Missouri, and a Masters' Degree as a Professional Educator from Morningside College in Iowa. She also has a certification in piano instruction from the International Piano Teaching Foundation and has served as a vocal and piano instructor, and taught preschool through 8th grade general music and directed junior high and high school choirs.

*For more information see
www.freddiethefrogbooks.com/grownups.html*