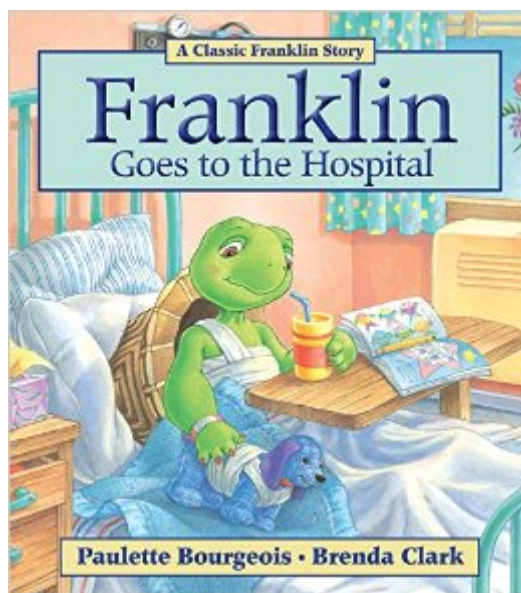


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Franklin Goes To The Hospital



Synopsis

In this Franklin Classic Storybook, our hero goes to the hospital for an operation to repair his broken shell, and everyone thinks he's being very brave. But Franklin is only pretending to be fearless. He's worried that his X-rays will show just how frightened he is inside. With the help of Dr. Bear, Franklin learns that even though he's feeling scared, he can still be brave.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Franklin came to our rescue by going to the hospital for an operation. My three-year-old son needed surgery and I wanted to prepare him for all the strange equipment, people, and procedures he would experience. This Franklin book actually had him excited to see the hospital. Many of the routine procedures were familiar to him after reading Franklin. His only disappointment was not seeing Dr. Bear at his hospital.

As a children's librarian, this is the best book I've found so far for children that explains what a trip to the hospital is like. In the story, Franklin accidentally gets a crack in his shell while playing soccer, and must have a simple operation to fix it. Franklin is nervous, and tries to be brave, but inside, he's

a little frightened. Everything is explained, in detail, from the hospital bracelet with your name on it, how an X-Ray machine works, even the numbing medicine put on Franklin's hand so he doesn't feel the needle for the anesthetic. It also explains that while your parents cannot be in the operating room with you, they will be right there when you wake up! As with all the Franklin books, the illustrations are beautiful, and this book is no exception. All of the details are there, right down to the rails on the hospital bed and the IV stand. I highly recommend this book to any child who's nervous about a stay in the hospital, or simply to anyone who's curious!

This book was great for preparing my daughter for an upcoming surgery. It went through the basics of what she would experience, even if the reason for the surgery was different, and it was done with a character she was already familiar with. The day of her surgery she was telling me what would happen next.

I am 8 years old and I went to the hospital for a cast on my arm and I was really scared and I got this book and read it every day but I also got surgery when I was 5 but I didn't have the book yet but I hid under my bed for 1 hour and then it was time to go to the hospital I came home and I was glad I didn't have to do it again and a few days ago my friend had a problem with her appendix and she went to the hospital and she felt a lot better I almost had surgery done on my appendix it's no big deal. by Lisa Goldberg

This shows that it's ok to be scared at the hospital. Franklin got hit in the chest at a soccer game. He ends up having to go to the hospital. He thinks that when you take an x-ray, everyone will see how scared you are inside. Franklin didn't want everyone to know how scared he was. This is a good book for any child that has to go to the hospital. It shows you don't have to be scared. The doctors and nurses are there to help you.

My daughter needed a heart cath to fix a hole in her heart when she was 3. I didn't know how to prepare her without scaring her so I bought this book. I had looked at other books about visiting the hospital but nothing seemed to match exactly what she would go through. This book basically followed exactly what she went through. She didn't need a broken arm fixed or anything like the other books. She needed something placed into her heart. Franklin needed a pin placed in his shell so it could function properly. Exactly what I was looking for! It covers Franklin staying the night in the hospital (although his parents go home, be warned). It talks about x-rays, numbing cream for

hands, an IV, falling asleep, having a dream and waking up being a bit uncomfortable. It's very easy to read and does a great job preparing kids for a hospital stay. It's not scary at all! I would recommend this book to any Franklin fan, especially one who may need to go to the hospital for something other than a broken bone.

My 4yo son was born with a congenital heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS). Basically he was born with a non-functioning left side of his heart. He had surgery at 1 week and again at 4 months, but his third surgery was a few weeks ago. He's old enough now to know what's going on and I wanted to help prepare him as best as I could. We read this book several times in the weeks leading up to his surgery and it really helped! He remembered many parts of the book during his pre-op, like getting a bracelet with his name on it. I really think it helped prepare him for what to expect as best as any resource could!

This is honestly the best book to prepare your child for a hospital stay/surgery. I am a pediatric nurse at a hospital and a mother. My 2 1/2 yr old recently had to have surgery and an overnight stay at a hospital. I bought a few books to prepare him and after reading the others we completely abandoned them for this one. My son has never seen Franklin before so I can't even use the excuse that he is a "fan" of Franklin. This book goes into great detail about what to expect. It is very sweet in that it explains that being a brave patient doesn't mean you aren't scared. My son was so well prepared for his hospital stay that he truly handled it very well. The nurses, surgeon and anesthesiologist even told me that when he got into the OR he was asking questions about the machines. We still read this book because he likes it so much. The only thing I found odd was that it explained that Franklin's parents went home at night. I'm not sure how other hospitals work but where I work and where he had surgery both hospitals allow parents to spend the night. But I just explained that I would be with him the entire time and that daddy would be there during the day. I could not give higher reviews for this book. It is by far a very well written book and I plan on recommending this to anyone preparing their child for a hospital stay.

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