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Frog Trouble: . . . And Eleven Other Pretty Serious Songs



Synopsis

Hang on to yer hat, Cowboy. Yeeeeee-hah! Boynton goes Country with Frog Trouble, a terrific CD and illustrated songbook of her new and wildly original Country songs. And they're sung by a truly amazing roster of Country Music's biggest and brightest stars: Here's Brad Paisley with "Copycat," Dwight Yoakam singing "I've Got a Dog," Alison Krauss on "End of a Summer Storm," Ben Folds rocking "Broken Piano," Darius Rucker with "Beautiful Baby." The lonesome-cowboy title track is performed by the low-voiced moody rocker Mark Lanegan (yes, of Queens of the Stone Age.) Add Josh Turner, Fountains of Wayne, Ryan Adams, Linda Eder, and quickly rising Country star Kacey Musgraves all accompanied by Nashville's finest instrumentalists and WHOA. You've got yourself some mighty fine music, with a whole lot of gumption and heart. A COUNTRY MUSIC ALBUM FOR KIDS AND EVERYONE

Boynton-illustrated songbook with full-length music CD 12 new songs with a whole lot of gumption and heart Cowboy, Country, Rockabilly, Honkytonk, Bluegrass, Blues Retro sound with a TRULY AMAZING All-Star Artist roster! Lyrics by Sandra Boynton Music written and produced by Sandra Boynton and Michael Ford Recorded in Nashville with renowned session musicians Boynton & Ford have written and produced three Gold Records Boynton has a Grammy Nomination for Philadelphia Chickens, which was also a #1 New York Times Bestseller

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Performing Arts

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Customer Reviews

Combining Boynton's lyrics and music with the voices and instruments of today's top country musicians results in a heck of a fun half hour of country music at its best. Now, these aren't your typical chart-topping tunes about unrequited love, but rather entertaining songs about frogs, dogs, trucks, and more. Fitting the style of country music, each song tells a story—some sad, some funny, and some just sweet. The simple lines and muted colors of Boynton's clean, uncluttered illustrations further expand the tone of the songs. The book is divided into three parts: "Look While You Listen," "Sing and Play Along," and "Meet the Performers." In the first are the lyrics and art; in the second are the lyrics and the music (just the melody); and in the third are photos of the singers, bands, and instrumentalists, followed by recording credits, book credits, and lastly, instructions for making a folding frog puppet. Naturally, this comes with a CD. Get some scratch guard, because it'll be played a lot. Grades K-3. --J. B. Petty

Sandra Boynton is one of America's best-loved artists, with over 60 million of her books in print. She has also written and produced five record albums (three of them certified Gold) and she was Grammy nominated for Philadelphia Chickens. Boynton lives on a farm in rural New England, working out of a converted barn that has the only hippopotamus weathervane in the state.

Music lovers make the mistake of assigning certain music to "children" only, never thinking they can enjoy it. Sandra Boynton shatters that myth with her albums, including Frog Trouble. C'mon, Dwight Yokam singing about his dog Hank? Brad Paisley singing about friendship? Josh Turner singing about *anything*? Who can resist? No one should. No one of any age should turn down the opportunity to listen to -- and sing along with -- these enjoyable songs. I may be an adult, but I'm no fool. And I've never met a listener (of any age) who didn't appreciate the humor and astounding honesty that permeate Boynton's songs. Stop what you are doing and order this album right now. Then, when it arrives in the mail, stop what you are doing and listen to it. Then listen again. Then call your friends over to listen. Then pick up your daughter (or granddaughter) and dance with her to a song or two. They're that good, and that fun. A special thanks to recording artists who share Boynton's vision and humor and help her bring them to life. I hope they all enjoyed it as much as we

do, and will, for as long as the music lasts.

I love this collection of children's songs by Sandra Boynton. In fact it is my favorite of her CDs. I sent this one to my preschool grandchildren, and my two-year-old grandson could not wait to listen to it (he loves listening to music on CDs). It arrived promptly and in perfect condition. I would definitely order again.

I purchased this for my granddaughter when she was 14 mos old, and thought her parents would probably wait until she was about two before they started using it, but they started playing it recently (she's 17 mos old) and the baby loves "the dog song" as they refer to it. She dances and sings along with her baby words. She gets exposed to a lot of music from classical to contemporary and really loves music. So, if you are interested in this book and CD for a child, I don't think you have to worry about how old they are. If they love music they will probably like this Country style music. The words are clearly enunciated too, which helps a child sing along. And when the child learns to read, he or she can read along with the words while they sing. I should also add that the music and words are NOT driving the parents nuts!

An absolute gem! Babies love it, I love it, two year old is singing along and pointing out the notes in the book, couldn't be happier! It's lovely little songs with a country touch. The book is beautifully made, but for a little older children who get that paper is no food. The music is fun and for both kids and adults to enjoy. Its going to be a keepsake, so getting another one for younger brother as well

I grew up listening to country music, but that doesn't mean I'm a lifelong fan; once I left 'goat-roper country' for the university and beyond, I pretty much never looked back. I prefer classic rock, easy jazz, Mannheim Steamroller, and eclectic stuff like Celestial Navigations. I bought this CD & book for my daughter not because it's country, but because it's by Sandra Boynton & Co., and their last four albums have been smash hits in my household. But listening to this album reminded me that country music can be pretty darn good too! My favorites are the lively "Broken Piano", "The Heartache Song" because that is sooooo very like my kid, and "End of a Summer Storm" Because it evokes one particular memory for me, an experience that I haven't had since I left the sand & sagebrush behind; the dark beauty of watching a summer thunderstorm rolling past on the horizon late at night.

Grandkids, ages 4-10, all wanted to take it home. Fortunately we found 2 more copies at a garage sale. This is a wonderful book and CD!

My grandchildren, ages 6-12, LOVE this book/CD combo. It is our traveling music when driving back and forth from their house to mine, a 30 minute trek. They each have their favorites, can sing them without the music at this point and beg to "go back again" to listen to certain songs over and over again as they follow along with the lyrics in the book. After struggling to find music that is both age appropriate and engaging for all of them this has been a gem of a find. I have my own favorites as well, taking a stroll down memory lane as I listen to songs set to iconic tunes from my own past. I would highly recommend this set!

What a fabulous album. I love the songs too!!

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