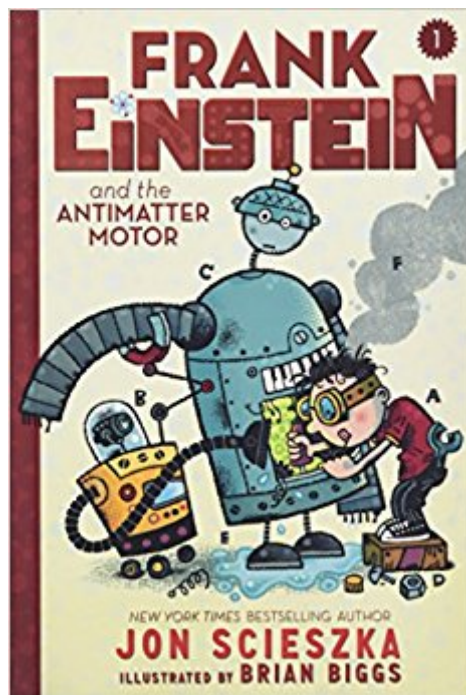




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Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller "I never thought science could be funny . . . until I read Frank Einstein. It will have kids laughing." —Jeff Kinney, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* "Huge laughs and great science—the kind of smart, funny stuff that makes Jon Scieszka a legend." —Mac Barnett, author of *Battle Bunny* and *The Terrible Two* Clever science experiments, funny jokes, and robot hijinks await readers in the first of six books in the New York Times bestselling Frank Einstein chapter book series from the mad scientist team of Jon Scieszka and Brian Biggs. The perfect combination to engage and entertain readers, the series features real science facts with adventure and humor, making these books ideal for STEM education. This first installment examines the science of matter. Kid-genius and inventor Frank Einstein loves figuring out how the world works by creating household contraptions that are part science, part imagination, and definitely unusual. In the series opener, an uneventful experiment in his garage-lab, a lightning storm, and a flash of electricity bring Frank's inventions—the robots Klink and Klank—to life! Not exactly the ideal lab partners, the wisecracking Klink and the overly expressive Klank nonetheless help Frank attempt to perfect his inventions. . . . until Frank's archnemesis, T. Edison, steals Klink and Klank for his evil doomsday plan! Integrating real science facts with wacky humor, a silly cast of characters, and science fiction, this uniquely engaging series is an irresistible chemical reaction for middle-grade readers. With easy-to-read language and graphic illustrations on almost every page, this chapter book series is a must for reluctant readers. The Frank Einstein series encourages middle-grade readers to question the way things work and to discover how they, too, can experiment with science. In a starred review, Kirkus Reviews raves, "This buoyant, tongue-in-cheek celebration of the impulse to keep asking questions and finding your own answers fires on all cylinders, while Publishers Weekly says that the series "proves that science can be as fun as it is important and useful." Read all the books in the New York Times bestselling Frank Einstein series: *Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor* (Book 1), *Frank Einstein and the Electro-Finger* (Book 2), *Frank Einstein and the BrainTurbo* (Book 3), and *Frank Einstein and the EvoBlaster Belt* (Book 4). Visit frankeinsteinbooks.com for more information.

STARRED REVIEW "In the final analysis, this buoyant, tongue-in-cheek celebration of the impulse to keep asking questions and finding your own answers fires on all cylinders." —Booklist, starred review "Scieszka mixes science and silliness again to great effect." —Kirkus Reviews "In refusing to take itself too seriously, it proves that science can be as fun as it is important and useful." —Publishers Weekly "With humor, straightforward writing, tons of illustrations, and a

touch of action at the end, this book is accessible and easy to read, making it an appealing choice for reluctant readers. A solid start to the series." --School Library Journal "Kids will love Frank Einstein because even though he is a new character he will be instantly recognizable to the readers...Jon Scieszka is one of the best writers around, and I can't wait to see what he does with these fun and exciting characters." --Eoin Colfer, Artemis Fowl "Jon Scieszka's new series has the winning ingredients that link his clever brilliance in story telling with his knowledge of real science, while at the same time the content combination of fiction and non fiction appeals to the full range of the market." --Jack Gantos, Dead End in Norvelt

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Gr 3--5 •Scieszka's latest novel centers on kid genius and inventor Frank Einstein and his two self-assembled robots, Klink and Klank. When Frank designs an antimatter motor flying bike to submit for Midville's Science Prize, his idea is stolen--along with Klink and Klank--by his rival, T. Edison, and Edison's sidekick, Mr. Chimp, an actual chimp who communicates through sign language. But, with a bit of ingenuity, and a little help from his Grampa Al and his friend Watson, Frank is able to thwart Edison's plans and rescue the two robots. Scieszka writes in the present tense, creating a fast-paced read, and offers plenty of science facts for children. Biggs's cartoon drawings cleverly add to the story, particularly his illustrations of Mr.

Chimp's sign language, which are seamlessly interspersed as dialogue throughout the text. Although not entirely original as a character, Frank is likable and resourceful, while Edison makes for a diabolical but predictable villain. However, children will enjoy the matter-of-fact Klink, affable Klank, and droll Mr. Chimp, all of whom provide the majority of the laughs in the book and inject some novelty into an otherwise standard story. With humor, straightforward writing, tons of illustrations, and a touch of action at the end, this book is accessible and easy to read, making it an appealing choice for reluctant readers. A solid start to the series. — Laura J. Giunta, Garden City Public Library, NY

"Brian Biggs's cartoon-tastic two-color illustrations add the perfect punch to the 'diary' look so many young readers have come to embrace. Scieszka clearly knows his audience and plays right into their hands, as this series promises entertainment but supports it with real science. There are plenty of explosions and experiments to inspire reluctant readers to don the lab coats and start inventing!" — (Sharon Verbeten BookPage)"Biggs's cartoonish illustrations, including a number of science-y diagrams featuring subjects ranging from pizza toppings to the inner workings of a flatulent cow, complement the text perfectly. With a second book already in the works, this definitely smells like a hit series." (Sam Bloom The Horn Book Magazine 2014-11-01) HIGHLY RECOMMENDED "Wacky characters, including a hip Grampa Al and a chimpanzee who uses sign language, make this fast-paced story a great choice for readers who want lots of laughs." (Tracy Scaglione, Library Media Specialist, Dorsett Shoals Elementary, Douglasville, Georgia Library Media Connection 2014-03-01)

One always knows that a book with the name Scieszka on is bound to be entertaining. And Frank Einstein is no exception. The boy scientist/inventor and his grandfather have much in common with their namesake Albert Einstein, including their love of science (not to mention the wild hair). Frank and his best friend, Watson, are determined to win the Midville Science Prize in order to save Grandpa Al's house/lab. After inadvertently creating a couple of robots it seems that the Prize may just be within reach. But unbeknownst to Frank, his rival T. Edison is determined to thwart his efforts and take the prize for himself and Frank's project could change both their worlds in the process. There is a lot of science mixed in with the story and that could have bogged the story down, but thanks to Scieszka's explanations and Biggs's diagrams, it doesn't. In fact, I learned some things I didn't know, even after all my schooling. This book is perfect for budding scientists and for all readers just starting to realize that one doesn't need big muscles to be a hero. Recommended.

Jon Scieszka is such a fun read for any age. This series is a wonderful addition to any library. My 7yo loves science, so the blending of formulas and diagrams within the story was thrilling for her. The story itself is good. The characters are funny with strong opportunity for some crazy voices when reading aloud. We had a great time reading this book!

My kids enjoyed reading first few chapters but then I bought the audio version so they can finish the book during our car trip(s). I will get them the rest of the series on Audible. Nice for the car but I would use reading time for more structured science books.

My seven year old and I read this book on a regular basis. I read it chapter by chapter. Instead of dreading reading the boring books I've honestly found this one to be quite entertaining. It's a great combination of education and humor that both my child and I enjoy. It's a very silly book but I feel great reading it to my child because of how educational it is and how much it seems to light a fire in his imagination. A hilarious book that's an absolute homerun for kids and parents!

My son really enjoyed this book.

Jon Scieszka is a very good children's book author. He visited my son's school recently and really engaged their interest and got them into the stories he's written. My son not only liked this book but was then encouraged to go get Knuckle Head after his visit. His books are very funny, obviously since my third grader was laughing out loud during most of the Knuckle Head one. We will definitely be watching for more to come from this author.

Great graphics and illustrations for my 9 year old. He loves this book!

My 9 year old daughter (and aspiring inventor) read this book literally in 2 days flat. Fabulous!

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