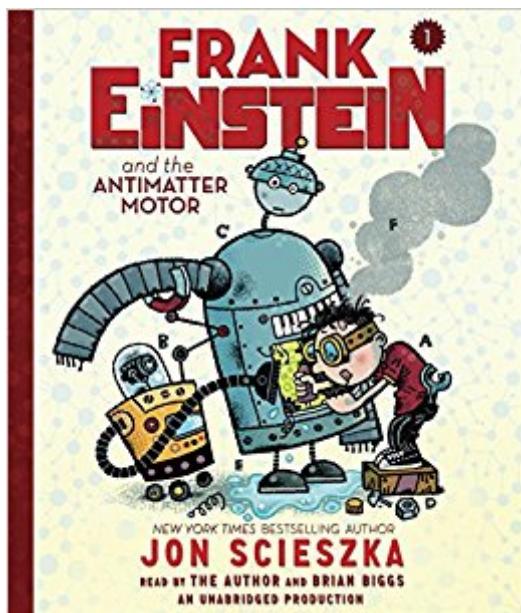


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# Frank Einstein And The Antimatter Motor



## Synopsis

Frank Einstein (A), kid genius scientist and inventor, along with Klink (B), a self-assembled artificial-intelligence entity, and Klank (C), a mostly self-assembled and artificial almost intelligence entity, create an Antimatter Motor using the three states of matter: solid (D), liquid (E), and gas (F), with plans to win the Midville Science Prize. Which all works fine, until Frank's classmate and archrival T. Edison shows up! Frank Einstein loves figuring out how the world works by creating household contraptions that are part science, part imagination, and definitely unusual. After an uneventful experiment in his garage-lab, a lightning storm and 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 Antimatter Motor . . . until Frank's archnemesis, T. Edison, steals Klink and Klank for his evil doomsday plan! Using real science, Jon Scieszka has created a unique world of adventure and science fiction—an irresistible chemical reaction for middle-grade listeners. *Advance praise for Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor* “I never thought science could be funny . . . until I read Frank Einstein. It will have kids laughing.” Jeff Kinney, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* “Dear Frank Einstein, Please invent time machine. Send your books back in time to me in 1978. Also a levitating skateboard. Tommy” Tom Angleberger, *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* “Kids will love Frank Einstein, because even though he is a new character, he will be instantly recognizable to 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 combination of fiction and nonfiction appeals to the full range of the market.” Jack Gantos, *Dead End in Norvelt*

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## Customer Reviews

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 --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"First in a new series by bestselling Jon Scieszka, Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor manages to successfully create a humorous and wacky story based around lots of scientific facts...The narrative is fast-paced and is greatly aided by the fabulous two-tone artwork by Brian Briggs which brings so much to the text." Library Mice 'The story is super exciting because they have to battle Edison and his chimpanzee henchman' The Guardian Children's Books "Hilarious

robot antics abound with child genius Frank and his trusty sidekick Watson in their bid to win the Midville Science Prize. Clever stuff wrapped in an adventure sure to grab the imagination of any young reader." - Youth Libraries Group, September Newsletter "Jon Scieszka has created a unique world of adventure and science fiction. Young boys and robots with a life and mind of their own - the perfect combination!" - Books Monthly "I never thought I could read about the Hadron Collider and smile so all credit to Jon Scieszka for writing an accessible story about science...and I can't wait for the second instalment of Frank's adventures." We Love This Book --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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 Bigg'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've 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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