

Synopsis

We've had singers, sports stars, and comedians [on the show], but Jef Mallett is the first artist to take the stage. And boy does he make his first appearance count." --The Bob and Tom Radio Show
Nominated by the National Cartoonist Society as Best Comic Strip, Jef Mallett's Frazz follows the life of Bryson Elementary School janitor and hit-songwriting-wonder Edwin Frazier. An all-round Renaissance man, role model, and friend rolled into one, Frazz feels as comfortable philosophizing with the students as he is with the teachers and principal. Always placing an emphasis on the importance of seizing opportunities to learn and grow, Frazz is a family favorite and multiple-year recipient of the Wilbur Award from the Religion Communicators Council for excellence in communicating values and ethics.

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Customer Reviews

Yet another excellent collection of Frazz comic strips with the an added bonus I wasn't expecting...The Sunday strips are in color! That's a great change to the format of these collections. Frazz continues to be one of the most thought provoking, quietly humorous strips out there and one of the few strips that seem to be anywhere close to the level of quality that Watterson produced with Calvin and Hobbes. A new Frazz collection is like a visit from an old friend and I hope

they keep these wonderful books coming.

Comic strips are an underappreciated art. Many people think the comics pages are trivial or something just for kids to read. Though it is true that many comic strips are trivial and they are the one part of the paper that the youngest of readers tend to enjoy, comic strips provide much, much more. In their best form they are works of art full of social commentary told usually told in a humorous way that give readers a bit of joy for the rest of their day. One of the best comic strips in newspapers today is "Frazz". "Frazz" is one of the few strips (another is "Pearls Before Swine") that is not only drawn in an artful style, but also is full of wit and wonder. It is a strip that has continued the tradition of the art of the comic strip and helps keep the legacy. FRAZZ 3.1416 is the latest collection of "Frazz" strips collected in book form. I'm not sure when the strips originally appeared in newspapers, but I believe they were around 2003-04. For some reason, this is only the 3rd "Frazz" anthology even though the strip first appeared in 2001. The strips take place mostly at Bryson Elementary over almost a full school year and part of the following summer. The collection is a great sample of what makes "Frazz" such a wonderful strip: large vocabulary, witty word play, cultural references, etc. If you've never read "Frazz", FRAZZ 3.1416 is a good place to start. It's also a book that every FRAZZ fan should own. Highly recommended.

Frazz is a wonderfully funny comic. I've read all three books several times, and they make me laugh out loud every time. Best comic strip since Calvin and Hobbs. Incidentally, I'm pretty sure that Frazz is Calvin grown up, even if Mallett denies it.

There is a gentle soul who is wise beyond his years, loves children, and forsakes the riches of his songwriting career to stay on as janitor at Bryson Elementary in an imaginary Michigan town. His name is Edwin Frazier, he is thirty-plus, he is in love with Bryson's first-grade teacher and he dispenses wisdom to the young students who ADORE him because he is "one of them" at heart. You cannot fool a child with false concern; Frazz fits right in and keeps the lines of communication between teachers and staff wide open, thanks to the comic genius of Frazz's creator, Jef Mallett. For humorous appeal, Frazz ranks right up there with GARFIELD, CALVIN AND HOBBS, SHERMAN'S LAGOON, and FRANK AND ERNEST. And FRAZZ tugs at the heartstrings like ZIGGY and MUTTS. This comic strip is a MUSTREAD for all those who appreciate the humor in life, and the life in humor!

I often wonder why he's "just" the janitor in this school. He has such a great attitude and a wealth of knowledge -- surely, he should be one of the teachers. The students definitely learn a lot about life from Frazz. He's a great mentor and the advice he passes along is good for all readers.

Ever worked at a school? Ever been to school? Ever seen a school? Then you'll love Frazz 3.141. He's such character you can relate to, and I love being a spectator as he drifts in and out of hilarious moments on the job. This book is so much fun!

This third collection of "Frazz" strips did not disappoint! Witty, funny, thought-provoking, and yes even educational, Frazz has an appeal that is sadly lacking in so many of today's comic strips. I found this to be a thoroughly enjoyable book.

Frazz is just as funny as ever, with his stories of life in an elementary school, as well as his biking and hiking adventures. Gentle and clever humor. I am so glad this is available on Kindle!

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