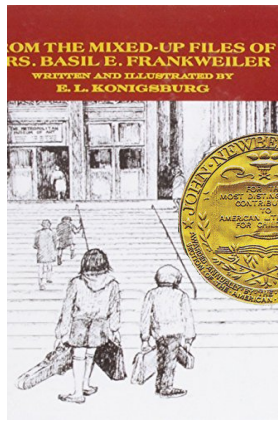


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From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

by E.L. Konigsburg



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with E. L. Konigsburg's beloved classic and Newbery Medal-winning novel *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*!

When Claudia decided to run away, she planned very carefully. She would be gone just long enough to teach her parents a lesson in Claudia appreciation. And she would go in comfort—she would live at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She saved her money, and she invited her brother Jamie to go, mostly because he was a miser and would have money. Claudia was a good organizer and Jamie had some ideas, too; so the two took up residence at the museum right on schedule. But once the fun of settling in was over, Claudia had two unexpected problems: She felt just the same, and she wanted to feel different; and she found a statue at the Museum so beautiful she could not go home until she had discovered its maker, a question that baffled the experts, too. The former owner of the statue was Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. Without her—well, without her, Claudia might never have found a way to go home.

Who Wrote It?

Elaine Lobl was born in New York City on February 10, 1930, but grew up in small Pennsylvania towns. She was born to two Jewish immigrants who moved from New York City to a mill town in Pennsylvania. She was an avid reader, although reading was only "tolerated" in her family, "not sanctioned like dusting furniture or baking cookies". She was high school valedictorian. To earn money for college, she worked as a bookkeeper at a meat plant. Elaine entered Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and majored in chemistry. She got married and had 3 children.



She began to write in the mornings when her third child started school. In her career she wrote 22 books, three of which won Newbery (or Newbery Honor) awards. She died in 2013.

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I want to read this book: YES / NO



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