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- Vincennes and Vincennes



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A quarterly recap of *THE TALES OF BUN E. BONIFACE™*

"Your child's first step in French...through story, art, and song!"

## Introducing Bun E. Boniface™

### The Tales of Bun E. Boniface™

*The tales of whom?*

This is the story of a little bunny who grew up surrounded by love and adventure... and then one day his owner grew up and moved away.

It would be many years before he would come back into the loving home of his friend—and not a minute too soon!

But that is another story.

In this first tale, Bun E. learns to count—in French!

"Can a bunny learn to count? He was a long way from home... and he was very hungry!"

A very long way from home, indeed, for Bun E. had the chance to go to France! And by reading, talking, and singing along with him, you can learn French, too!



And what do you think happened when he learned to count to ten?



## Brain Studies, Books, and Language Learning

Enormous advances in medical imaging technology have provided scientists, neurologists, educators, psychiatrists, and others with a wealth of physical evidence about the human brain and how it works.

Among the most important language-related findings are that babies are wired at birth with the ability to learn ALL languages, and that the ideal or "sensitive" period for second language learning is between birth and age 6, after

which it begins a slow and steady decline. We also know of the critical importance: of language in the development of deductive reasoning; of books over electronic media, especially during the first 3 years of life; and of parental nurturing and human interaction.

We will continue to explore this vast and fascinating subject in subsequent issues of our newsletter, as well as on our website. *Stay tuned!*



## The Science Place Invites Bun E. to Grand Opening of “Little Urban Farm”



DALLAS, TEXAS

What could be more fun for a bunny than going to a farm? There are lots of animals, you get to be out in nature, and of course there are all sorts of good things to eat!

When he was little, Bun E. often went to the garden to work, to play—and definitely to eat! Sometimes he even got to visit friends who lived on a farm.

But not everyone has a garden, and some children (and bunnies) have never even seen a farm!

*How do they even know where carrots come from? Or how to grow them?*

So some nice people in Dallas created a special farm in the city where children can learn to milk a cow, gather eggs, plant fruits and vegetables, and see some farm animals like the friends Bun E. used to visit.

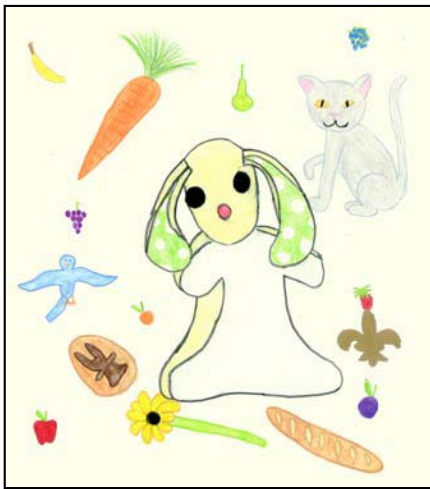
This *Little Urban Farm* exhibit, designed especially for children ages 0 to 8, is located inside *The Science Place*, the acclaimed children’s museum in Fair Park.

*Lucky Bun E.!* He was invited to help celebrate the grand opening! He hopes to be able to visit often.

For more information, please see the website: [www.scienceplace.org](http://www.scienceplace.org)

## Word Search: Find the things that helped Bun E. learn to count in French!

Use the picture of Bun E. to help you find the hidden words in the puzzle below. There is one bonus word!



*Things that helped Bun E. learn to count in French.*

T	O	T	C	A	R	R	O	T	C	H	A	T
I	R	E	A	T	S	W	S	B	A	S	R	W
W	E	A	R	S	B	I	R	D	T	U	I	Z
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I	L	A	T	G	N	L	F	R	A	I	S	E
N	L	G	T	G	E	E	N	F	P	A	W	S
T	E	U	E	V	Q	U	G	A	A	W	A	C
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K	P	T	O	I	S	E	A	U	T	N	E	Z
D	F	T	W	E	J	R	W	D	E	O	P	C
F	L	E	U	R	D	E	L	Y	S	S	P	S
Q	W	M	J	B	C	W	D	C	N	E	D	W

(BAGUETTE) BAGUETTE  
 BUN E. (BUN E.)  
 BIRD OISEAU  
 CARROT CAROTTE

CAT CHAT  
 EARS OREILLES  
 EGG OEUF  
 (FLEUR-DE-LYS) FLEUR-DE-LYS

FLOWER FLEUR  
 FRUIT FRUITS  
 NOSE NEZ  
 PAWS PATTES



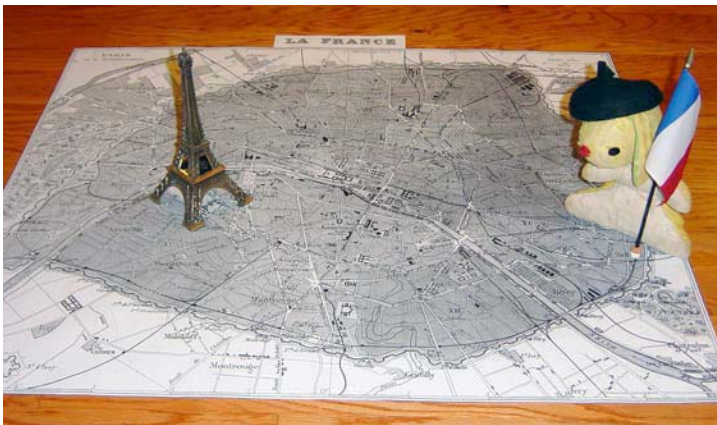
## Bun E. Boniface, Ambassador to France!

VINCENNES, INDIANA

*Who could ever have imagined that little Bun E. would become an Ambassador?*

But then again, each of us can be, in our own special way.

While visiting Vincennes, Indiana over Memorial Day weekend, Bun E. met some people from another town called Vincennes—in France! The French city of Vincennes is situated on the east side of Paris (the capital of France; that's where the Eiffel Tower is!). There is an old castle in French Vincennes where the king once lived. It is therefore called a royal city.



**Vincennes, France**

The people of the two towns named Vincennes are friends. The Indiana town originally began as a fur trading post, established by a French man named *de Vincennes* in 1732. Having the same name, the towns call themselves "Sister Cities."



**Vincennes, Indiana**

People in the United States and France have a long history of helping each other during difficult times. More than 225 years ago, before our country was even called The United States of America, the French helped us win our Independence.

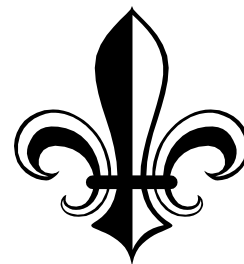
Another important event, which we now call *D-Day*, again demonstrated the friendship between the two countries. On that day, 60 years ago, thousands of American soldiers sacrificed their lives to help the French people restore peace and freedom in their country. Many people in the United States, France, and all around the globe made great sacrifices so the world could be at peace again.

In tribute to this long friendship and shared sacrifice, the mayor of Vincennes, France and his assistants flew across the Atlantic Ocean to strengthen and renew their friendship with people in the other Vincennes.

*And Bun E.?* Well, he was already happy to be *Back Home Again in Indiana* in a town he had often visited as a little bunny. But as he had recently been in France, where people had been very nice to him, it was a special treat to get to meet visitors from that country and welcome them to his own... especially now that he could speak a little French!

As a gesture of friendship between the two places he loved, Bun E. presented the French guests with a copy of his bilingual book / CD (written during his first visit to France) to take back to the children in French Vincennes.

The mayor and his assistants seemed to like it very much... *and thus Bun E. was a Goodwill Ambassador to France!*



## Bun E. Boniface, Ambassadeur à la France !

VINCENNES, INDIANA (ÉTATS-UNIS)

*Qui aurait pu imaginer que ce petit Bun E. deviendrait un jour Ambassadeur?*

Mais après tout, on peut tous le faire, chacun selon ses dons.

Pendant son séjour à Vincennes, Indiana le week-end du « Memorial Day », Bun E. a rencontré des gens d'une autre ville qui s'appelle, elle aussi, Vincennes—en France ! La ville française se trouve à l'est de Paris (la capitale de France; c'est là où se trouve la Tour Eiffel !). On y trouve un vieux château où habitait le roi; on l'appelle donc une ville royale.



Vincennes, France

Les gens des deux Vincennes sont amis. La ville en Indiana était à l'origine un centre de commerce de fourrures, fondé en 1732 par un Français dont le nom était *de Vincennes*. Portant le même nom, les deux villes sont maintenant des « villes jumellées ».



Vincennes, Indiana

Les États-Unis et la France ont eu une longue histoire d'entraide durant les temps difficiles. Il y a plus de 225 ans, avant même la naissance des « États-Unis », les Français sont venus aider les Américains à gagner leur Indépendance.

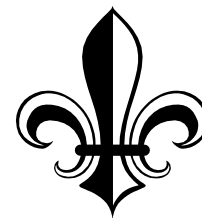
Un autre événement très important, que l'on appelle maintenant *le jour J*, montre encore l'amitié entre nos deux pays. Ce jour là, il y a 60 ans, des milliers de soldats américains se sont sacrifiés pour aider les Français à regagner leur liberté et rétablir la paix en France. Beaucoup de gens aux États-Unis, en France, et dans le monde entier ont fait de grands sacrifices pour que le monde connaisse à nouveau la paix.

En l'honneur de cette longue amitié et ces sacrifices partagés, Monsieur le maire de Vincennes en France, et ses collègues, ont traversé l'Océan Atlantique pour rendre visite aux amis de l'autre Vincennes afin de renouveler et de soutenir leur amitié.

*Et Bun E. ?* Eh bien, il était déjà ravi d'être *Back Home Again in Indiana* dans une ville qu'il visitait souvent étant plus jeune. Mais, ayant récemment visité la France où les gens se sont montrés très gentils envers lui, c'était encore plus important de pouvoir souhaiter la bienvenue aux visiteurs dans son pays... surtout maintenant qu'il parlait un peu français !

En guise d'amitié entre les deux endroits qu'il aimait, Bun E. a offert un exemplaire de son livre-disque (écrit pendant son premier séjour en France) aux invités français pour rapporter aux enfants à Vincennes en France.

Monsieur le maire et ses collègues avaient l'air de l'avoir beaucoup aimé... *et c'est ainsi que Bun E. devint Ambassadeur de bonne volonté à la France!*



Pour de plus amples renseignements sur Vincennes, France, veuillez visiter leur site Web : [www.vincennes.fr](http://www.vincennes.fr)

(Bun E. est très reconnaissant aux Messieurs Maurice Elton et Duc Nguyen pour leur aide avec la traduction !)



# Schoenhof's Selects Bun E.!

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Calling all schools, libraries, teachers, parents, home schools, museum shops, and independent bookstores!

Schoenhof's Foreign Books has added *Bun E. Learns to Count in French / Bun E. apprend à compter* to its collection!

Founded in 1856 (that's 5 years before Abraham Lincoln became President!), they are the nation's oldest foreign language bookstore. With language-learning and reference materials in over 700 languages and dialects—as well as fiction, non-fiction, and children's books in 50 languages—they offer the most comprehensive selection of foreign language books in North America!

A subsidiary of the prestigious French publisher *Gallimard*, they specialize in French literature and are particularly known for their children's books (they carry 50 different translations of *The Little Prince*).

Through their retail store in Harvard Square, their catalogue, and website, they serve schools, libraries, bookstores, companies, and individuals throughout North America. Volume discounts are available. Please contact Schoenhof's for more information: [www.schoenhofs.com](http://www.schoenhofs.com) or by phone (617) 547-8855.

*Bun E. is honored to be associated with Schoenhof's Foreign Books!*

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## About Limestock Press

Limestock Press was founded in 2003 to introduce children to the magic of language through the bilingual series, THE TALES OF BUN E. BONIFACE™.

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# Bun E. Back in France



*Bun E. on the castle wall overlooking the Loire*

SAUMUR, FRANCE

Known as "*la perle de l'Anjou*," this beautiful town with its 14<sup>th</sup> century castle towering over the Loire River has inspired artists for centuries.

courtly life around the year 1415, showing a horse descending the narrow stairs of the "horse's entrance" to the castle, as the autumn *vendange* takes place on the castle grounds below.



*Château de Saumur*

In the early 1400's, this *château* was depicted in one of the world's most famous illuminated manuscripts, *Les Très Riches Heures du Duc du Berry*, a treasure France considers on par with da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*!

Representing the book's calendar section, this stunning work of art captures contemporary



*L'entrée des chevaux*

And appropriately so, for Saumur has long been as reputed for its wine and its horses, as for its beauty.

*Bun E. Learns to Count in French / Bun E. apprend à compter* was launched in Saumur at the *Librairie Ancienne et Moderne*—a place with many treasures of its own!