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First published in 1988 and now back by popular demand, *Good Dog, Carl* illustrator Alexandra Day's *Frank and Ernest* is the entertaining tale of a bear and an elephant who learn to run a diner. The charming illustrations of the Deco-era diner and the novelty of its animal employees will appeal to children, but the diner slang that Frank and Ernest learn and use will delight parents and children alike. *Frank and Ernest* will reveal the meaning of "burn one, take it through the garden and pin a rose on it," "a stack with Vermont and a blonde with sand," as well as "guess water," "balloon juice," and "million on a platter." As in her popular *Carl* books Day excels at visual jokes and loving detail, but in *Frank and Ernest* the text is as delightful as the pictures.

- In skillfully executed paintings Day depicts a diner that is sure to evoke nostalgia among old-timers. Children should enjoy adding these novelties to their vocabularies, and making the connections that inspired the descriptions is good fun. Kirkus Reviews
- Clever and original, this playful romp serves up its message with a smile. It's bound to become standard fare.... School Library Journal
- Frank, appearing as Elephant, and Ernest, as Bear, answer an ad for someone to run human-shaped Mrs Miller's diner for her. Bibliophiles that they are, the friends research the lingo of the diner restaurant trade, and with grace and aplomb they serve a "bow-wow. . . red" (hot dog with ketchup), "nervous pudding," (Jell-O"), and "white cow" (vanilla milk shake"). Alexandra Day's paintings render a mannerly world of measured language and punctilious decorum. Mrs. Miller returns safely from her trip, and we are enveloped in nostalgia--it was all so recent, so very long ago. Peter F. Neumeyer. - Professor Emeritus University of California, Berkeley. Author and recipient of the Ann Devereaux Jordan Award by The Children's Literature Association.

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