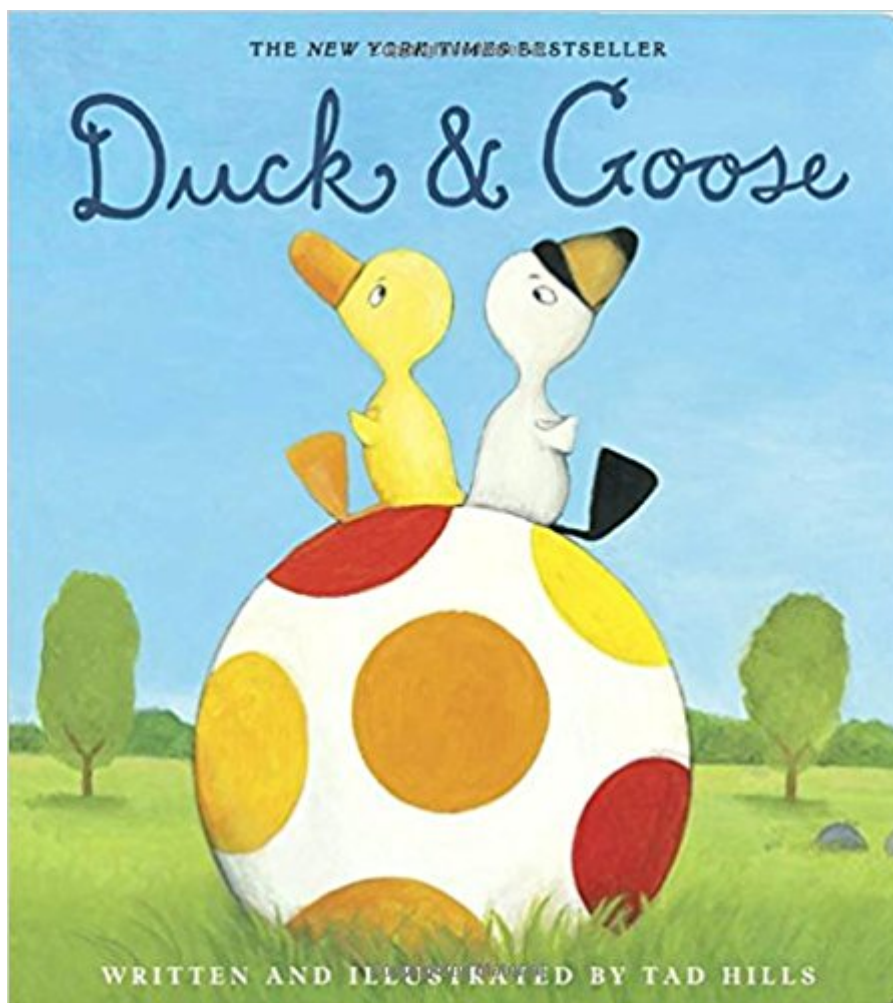




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Duck & Goose



Synopsis

The New York Times bestselling and award winning Duck & Goose is now a board book! A must have this Easter for every child's library! At long last, the classic New York Times bestselling and award-winning Duck & Goose is available as a board book. It's a must-have for every child's home library. Meet Duck and Goose, two birds who mistake a polka-dotted ball for an egg and must master the art of cooperation and sharing to take care of it. But friendship is not always easy, as proved in this funny, accessible story. Children will instantly recognize themselves in these adorable and eternally optimistic characters. And with an abridged text, this board-book version of the original is perfect for the youngest Duck & Goose fans. Praise for the Duck & Goose series: "Duck and Goose have taken their places alongside Frog and Toad and George and Martha as fine examples of friendship, curiosity and problem-solving." Kirkus Reviews "Charming, funny, simple, and surprising. . . . Hills is master of the light comic touch." The Boston Globe

Book Information

Series: Duck & Goose

Board book: 36 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

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PreSchool-Grade 1 In this goofy story, a duck and goose mistake a big spotted ball for an egg. Each one claims it and they fight over taking care of it. In the end, they realize their foolishness and become friends, enjoying their ball together. The themes of getting along, sharing, and settling one's differences come across loud and clear, and the author does a good job with the subject without becoming too didactic. While the narrative is fairly straightforward and has touches of childlike humor throughout, it's the bright and colorful artwork that will attract youngsters' attention. The cartoon-style oil paintings set against soft-focus, almost impressionistic backgrounds keep Duck and Goose center stage, and their expressions are priceless. A sweet addition.

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PreS-Gr. 2. A poultry odd couple stars in this story about a friendship forged through a finders keepers dispute. Duck and Goose simultaneously discover a giant polka-dotted sphere, which they take to be a very large egg: "I saw it first," says Duck; "I touched it first," says Goose. They spend hours sharing space on the egg's summit to keep it warm, first grudgingly, then companionably as they bond over their shared purpose. When a passerby points out that their prized egg is actually a child's toy ball, Duck and Goose decide the ball is lovely, too--just right for playing with together.

Hills might have found ways to introduce more variety into his compositions, even given the somewhat limited situation, but the fresh, vivid colors draw the eye, and his whimsically rendered Duck and Goose (think bath toys with expressive eyebrows) will instantly endear themselves to children. Choose this for springtime and Easter story hours, paired with Dr. Seuss' classic *Horton Hatches the Egg* (1940) and Mem Fox's *Hunwick's Egg* (2005).

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This book only provides 1 word per page with a correlating image. For instance "patient" appears next to a picture of duck waiting for a snail to slug along. At first I was annoyed that there was no definition or context for the feelings, but I realized that the author probably wants to leave it open-ended for the parents to describe the word. I find that it helps me really think about what it means to be patient, angry, selfish, etc and then help better describe that emotion to my son (with real life examples instead of just being a robot reading words from a page)!

I purchased this for my 6 month old granddaughter. The colors demonstrated in this book are okay,

but not your basic primary colors that I thought would be introduced. This is fine for supplemental teaching of colors, for a slightly older toddler, but I'm going to continue to look for a book that will teach the primary colors. I wasn't fond of how the colors were depicted. Again, better as supplemental reading for an older toddler instead of introductory teaching.

Duck and Goose are longtime favorites at our house. Anything by Tad Hills is definitely worth the read! But the best part is that his board book is well made and durable for a 2 year old who wants to read it a couple times a day! Good stuff!

My 18 month old absolutely loves Duck and Goose. He has liked them since we started reading at about 6 months old. They are one of the only books he really sits through and looks at. I do silly voices for the characters and he loves it. The stories are very simple and short but really cute. I love the colors and illustrations. This one especially has great colors and cute associations with the colors.

My 10 month old daughter loves duck and goose books. I picked up about 30 board books from a rummage sale when I was pregnant, and since my daughter was old enough to pull books off the shelf she has been reaching for the duck and goose one. I just ordered 3 more, and no matter where we put them on the shelf, these are the ones she pulls down. This one is my personal favorite. Love the vivid pictures, and they do an excellent job graphically displaying the meaning of proud, selfish, etc. Great book!

My granddaughter and I have been fans of Duck and Goose ever since I came across "What's Up, Duck? A Book of Opposites" some time back. Since then we've read (and re-read, and re-read) "How are you Feeling?", "Goose Needs a Hug", and "Duck and Goose Find a Pumpkin". But nothing had prepared me for the beauty and sweetness of this "origin issue" (as they would say in the comic book industry) story. Near perfection! Initially squaring off over who has rights to what they erroneously think is an egg, Duck and Goose learn by working together in caring for their supposed treasure to be fast friends, deeply appreciative of each other's unique traits. The last pages of this beautifully illustrated and profound story had me in tears (of joy) - especially the very last two words, on a page of their own.

We love duck and goose! The graphics are delightful and colorful and the story is engaging enough

to hold their attention

We are obsessed with all the duck & goose books around here, so don't read this review the wrong way. I love this book and highly recommend it. Just note it skews slightly older and is more of a "story" (and many more words) than the other duck and goose books we have (D&G Find A Pumpkin, D&G It's Time for Christmas, D&G How are You Feeling, D&G Goose Needs A Hug, all of which we have and my toddler has memorized by heart). Those books are all "bite sized" in terms of plot and word-count. This one is longer. Just an FYI. But we love it nonetheless!

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