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Giggle, Giggle, Quack

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Cronin, Doreen. *Giggle, Giggle, Quack*. Illustrated by Betsy Lewin. Simon & Schuster, 2002. ISBN 689845065. \$15.95. 32 pp.

Reviewer: Nancy C. Evensen

Reading Level: Preschool; Primary

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Fiction; Picture books

Subject: Ducks--Fiction; Domestic animals--Fiction; Books--Reviews

When Farmer Brown takes a summer vacation, Duck can't resist having a little fun with Bob, who is left in charge of the farm. Farmer Brown leaves notes giving Bob instructions on how to care for the farm animals while he is gone. Duck quickly realizes that he can substitute the original notes with ideas of his own. The notes allow the hens to get pizza, the pigs to have bubble baths, and the cows to enjoy a movie and popcorn. The fun ends when Farmer Brown realizes during one of his telephone checkups that Duck has taken advantage of his absence.

The stage is set when Farmer Brown gives instructions to Bob warning him about Duck. Right away the reader begins to wonder and predict what tricks Duck may try to play. The story is simple yet delightful. The characters of *Giggle, Giggle, Quack*, the sequel to the favorite *Click, Clack, Moo*, are true to the original book. The illustrations also reflect the first book with such details as electric blankets on the cows. Duck continues to be an endearing character. The reader wonders what new adventures Duck may have in other sequels.

The watercolor illustrations have the same charm as the first book, including such clever details as "FB" monogrammed on the towels and "The Sound of Moosic" as the cows' choice of movie. The ink detail is loose yet contains particulars to enhance the story. This second book is as charming as the first.