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Moose Crossing

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Greene, Stephanie. *Moose Crossing*. Illustrated by Joe Mathieu. Marshall Cavendish Children's Books, 2005. ISBN 0761452338. \$14.95. 56 p.

Reviewer: Sarah Wanlass

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Animal stories; Humorous stories;

Subject: Moose--Juvenile fiction; Fame--Juvenile fiction;

Moose is enthralled when a sign that reads "Moose Crossing" is placed near his home. Fame seems finally to be within his grasp. His ego swells at the thought of a sign in his honor and he ends up in a fight with his best friend Hildy, a pig, who he assumes must be jealous. He soon finds, however, that celebrity status can grow tiresome, not to mention lonely. Moose eventually reconciles himself with Hildy and begins a series of attempts to disperse his increasing group of fans.

Akin to Judy Blume's *Freckle Juice*, this fast-paced novelette is perfect for a child just starting chapter books. Each chapter is only a few pages; the writing is straightforward and simple black-and-white illustrations break up the text. Children will enjoy the light, amusing tone and laugh at the behavior of this vain moose as he learns that celebrity status is not as desirable as it appears.