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Book Review

Title: That Is Not a Good Idea!

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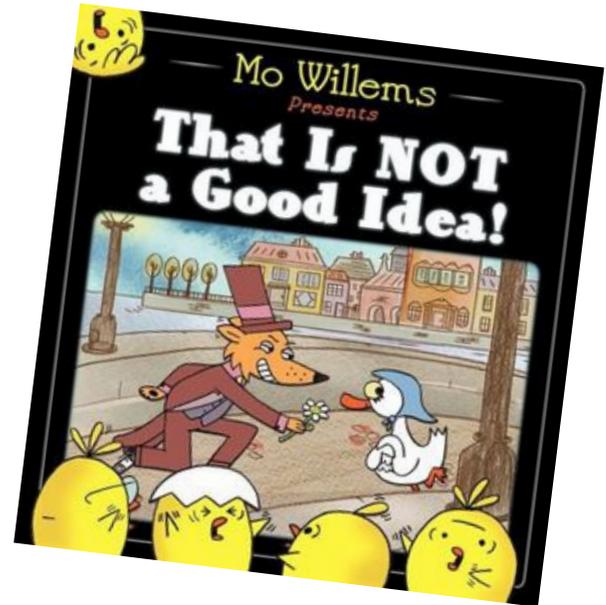
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Interest Level: AaBbCcDd

Rating: AaBbCcDd



Review

When a fox spots a scrumptious-looking goose in the street, he invites her over for dinner. Despite the chicks' protests that "that is NOT a good idea!" the goose agrees. They go for a stroll, then go further into the deep dark woods, and soon they're in the kitchen boiling water for soup. All the while the chicks are adamantly protesting, and just when the two of them realize a key ingredient is missing... the goose pulls the fox into the soup! And then she and her children enjoy the fox soup together.

The best part of this book is the ironic ending that catches you by surprise and will make most readers laugh out loud. The whole book is presented like a silent film (scene by scene, with white text on a black background and the chicks as supposed viewers), which makes it unique and fun to read. Also, like all of Mo Willems illustrations, the drawings are sharp, colorful, animated, and entertaining. This is a fabulous book that will amusingly surprise first-time readers and make them want to read it from the beginning again, this time knowing what happens at the end!