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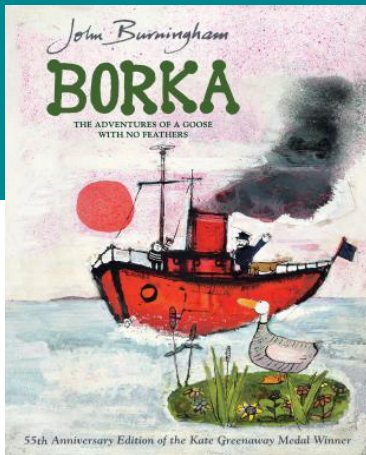
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## Book Review

# Borka: The Adventures of a Goose with No Feathers

### Author

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### Illustrator

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Primary

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30

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Mr. and Mrs. Plumpster's long-awaited goose eggs hatch. One of the goslings, Borka, is strikingly different, as he has no feathers. Mrs. Plumpster fixes that by knitting him a gray sweater, but the other goslings only laugh at him. Borka doesn't join in with the other goslings, and instead keeps to himself and cries. When all the geese fly south for the winter, Borka stays behind because he can't fly. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, however, he sets off on an incredible adventure. With the help of newfound friends, Borka finds a new home where the other birds are nice and no one laughs at him.

In a celebrated fifty-fifth anniversary edition of this beloved classic children's book, Burningham reaches a new generation of young readers. This book is a tale of serendipity and self-reliance. Borka makes his own way in the world, leaves behind all the naysayers that once filled his life, and finds acceptance in a new place. Primary-aged children will enjoy this mixture between picture book and chapter book. The illustrations are stunning, while there is a lot of text on each page. It is the perfect combination for young readers who are breaching the new world of chapter books but are reluctant to leave behind the pictures.