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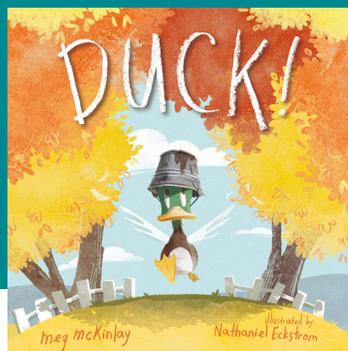
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## Book Review

# DUCK!

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Toddler, Preschool,  
Primary

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### Pages

32

### Year

2018

### ISBN

9781536204223

### Publisher

Candlewick Press

The farm is quiet and peaceful. The horse, cow, pig and sheep are all enjoying the afternoon until Duck waddles in and starts yelling “DUCK!” All the animals, believing that Duck is mistaken and confused, become frustrated and try to explain that not all animals are ducks. Amidst the chaos, it becomes clear just what Duck was meaning with his emphatic word. It wasn’t to label the animals as Ducks, but to warn the others of approaching danger. Maybe Duck should have been yelling “RUN!”

DUCK! is witty, funny, entertaining, and begs to be read out loud. The full-spread illustrations will pull young (and not so young) readers in with ease, as they also give subtle clues of the true meaning of Duck’s urgent message. The superbly written text follows a repeated pattern, which makes this book accessible and easy to follow for young children. The message of the book as shared by the author in her dedication is equally noteworthy, which is that all people, regardless of size or position, have something important and valuable to say. DUCK! does everything right and would make an excellent addition to any home or school collection.