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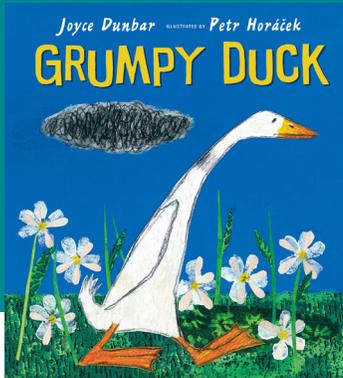
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## Book Review

# Grumpy Duck

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Preschool

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32

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Candlewick Press

Duck was in a grumpy mood. Nothing was good enough. The pond was dry, she had no one to play with, and a small gray cloud hovered over her head. She approached each of her friends in turn - dog, pig, rooster, rabbit, tortoise, and goat. Each invited her to join them, but she was too grumpy. Her gray cloud grew and her grumpiness spread. At last, the cloud was ginormous and black, covering all the animals. It burst in a huge downpour of raindrops. The animals started splashing and singing, their gloom washing away with the rain.

Children can relate to grumpiness, sometimes for no good reason. However, the dark storm cloud cannot last, and happiness can be found if you look for it and have good friends to enjoy it with. This picture book has full-page illustrations with vibrant and bold colors. The artwork is full of texture and contrast, and is undoubtedly the strong attraction of the story. These charming animals and their story will appeal to younger children with their forgiving natures.