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All Duck wants in the world is a little bit of peace and quiet, but the other animals on the farm just don't understand. Can Duck make friends with his fellow barnyard animals and still get the peace and quiet he wants?

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Diane says

Mr. Duck lives all alone and enjoys the privacy and quiet of his pond. One day his peace and quiet is disturbed when a big, fat, noisy pig arrives to take a swim. Soon several other animals: horse, cow, goat, lamb, and chicks arrive to party and swim as well. Mr Duck is mad and his feathers are more than a little ruffled over all of these animals invading his private property. He orders them OUT OF HIS POND, and off they go, and soon Mr Duck has quiet again --maybe a bit too much quiet. Mr Duck decides to compromise, and share his pond at certain times of day. He posts a sign with specific swimming hours.....especially for his animal friends. After all, isn't life more fun when you can share it with special friends?

Love the colorful illustrations, and the story was teaches children about sharing too. Kids and parents will love this one.

Melanie says

This is the story of Mr. Duck who does not like to share his pond with anyone. He enjoys his peace and quiet until one day the other barnyard animals decide to invade his space. After just about losing his mind Mr. Duck is able to get everyone out of his pond. After a few days of peace and quiet Mr. Duck finds he misses his friends.

Briana says

Duck has a routine. And he gets crabby when people mess with the routine. Until he figures out how to go with the flow. Could relate to flexible thinking.

Barb Middleton says

Duck is very precise and organized. His routine is exactly to the hour and minute each day and he hates it if this routine is disrupted. When all the farm animals jump in his pond and have a Marco Polo match, he loses his temper and kicks them out. Later he decides he misses them and invites them to come play polo every Sunday from 2-4. Cute book for 4-8 year olds.

Kristen says

Mr. Duck loves his peace and quiet, until the other barnyard animals come splashing into his pond. I like the signs Duck has in the beginning: "Private Property of Mr. Duck", "Duck X-ing and That Is All", "Don't Even Think About it", etc. In the end, after Mr. Duck snaps and shoes off the other animals who were offending

unaware, Mr. Duck goes back to his peaceful, quiet, now boring routine. He makes a new sign: "Noise Welcome from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm", "because life calls for a little noise... especially with friends."

Nice to inspire kids to make their own signs for their bedrooms, or their workspace, and to have signs in the classroom.

Sarah W says

Mr. Duck's schedule is precisely organized, quiet, & confined to one place. A pig cannonballs into Mr. Duck's pond, disturbing the tranquility. As Mr. Duck struggles to express the depths of his distress to the pig, more animals loudly intrude upon his pond. When the other animals finally understand what Mr. Duck's snapping is all about, Duck discovers quiet isn't what he wants every hour of every day in his pond. Mr. Duck relaxes the rules and allows some chaos into his life (and some friends too).

Children could have fun pointing out the animals that come and sneak a glance at Mr. Duck's quiet pond.

Mr. Duck and *Scaredy Squirrel* have much in common. I would love to have kids draw up their precise schedule and match it up with that of Mr. Duck and Scaredy Squirrel.

Kristen says

We picked this book up from the library because my daughter loves ducks. This book was really cute. It's a concept we've read in other books - Duck just wants to be left alone with his quiet, peaceful lake...but he is bombarded with a bunch of animals trying to cool off and have fun. He kicks them all out, and then realizes that it's more fun to have friends around.

What I liked about this story in particular, versus the other stories with the same moral, is that in the end, Duck learns that balance is key. He still wants his peaceful, quiet time in the morning, but then invites his friends to the lake in the afternoons.

My daughter loved all the different animals in this book. She would point out every single animal she knew and called it by its name on each page. The illustrations were appealing and it had some serious texture -- where it almost looked like the pig had fur - which was a little strange.

Overall we really enjoyed this book and I'm glad we picked it up.

Anna says

Title: Mr. Duck Means Business by Tammi Sauer illustrated by Jeff Mack

Summary: When Mr. Duck's solitude is interrupted he shoos everyone away but soon realizes that noise can be nice after all.

Age: 4-6 years

Rating: Maybe

Pros:

The illustrations are colorful, expressive and beautiful; they truly bring Sauer's text to life.

I appreciate what the story is attempting to convey, that sometimes noise is a good thing.

Cons:

I'm not a fan of the way the story is written. The book feels wordy in all the wrong places and although rhyming passages are used they feel awkward and out of place.

While not a terrible book the story itself is predictable.

Usage: This title could be used for one on one sharing or group storytime; if read expressively the predictability of the story could actually make it an effective title for storytime.

Treasure says

Mr. Duck likes his quiet, predictable life, where he follows the rigid schedule he designed for himself. Until one hot day, when a pig cannonballs into his smooth pond! Soon a cow joins in, and suddenly an entire barnyard is in his sacred space! Mr. Duck tries to get them to leave, but no one gets the message, except for one small chick.

Written by a former teacher and school librarian, the book is well done, funny, and colorful. Ideal for story times and lap sit reading.

The animals are very expressive and the book could be used in teaching kids how to interpret emotions from expressions and gestures so that they, unlike the barnyard animals, "get the message". The book also offers a lesson in relaxing and that a little noise sometimes is perfectly alright. Perhaps grown ups need that particular lesson more than the kids!

(Reviewed for Puget Sound Council)

Mary Zychowicz says

Great story and illustrations. Mr. Duck certainly has quite a schedule and routine....until....well the farm can be a funny place! Children will love the characters and the story. Great ending. No spoiler alerts here. You just have to read it!

Nancy Kotkin says

Fictional picture book with animal characters. Relevant messages of compromise and needing others in our lives. I do wish that Mr. Duck had spoken up prior to blowing up. And I'm not clear how one duck owns the whole pond, which is marked as "private property" but seems like a communal feature on a farm. But since the pond is marked as "private property," then why don't the other animals ask permission before using it? Lively illustrations enhance the story.

Kate Puleo Unger says

All Mr. Duck wants is some peace and quiet in his pond, but other animals keep coming for a swim. Mr. Duck puts up a sign telling everyone to stay away, but then he realizes he doesn't need quiet all the time. Oh, how I can relate to this book! Christopher has categorized people as "loud" or "quiet." He knows I'm a quiet person, and he and Jim are loud people. I think those are great kid terms for introvert and extravert.

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Barbara says

Mr. Duck relishes his solitude and his routine at his pond. But when the other farm animals disrupt the quiet, he pitches a fit and forces them to leave. There's too much noise for him, and he can't have that. I really loved the phrases the author uses to show his growing frustration: "Mr. Duck sputtered. He muttered. He tail a-fluttered." Later, he "grumbled...mumbled...flip-flop-fumbled." Things go back to normal after everyone leaves. But after a week of peace and quiet, Mr. Duck decides a little noise and fun might be okay as long as it's regulated. The acrylic illustrations are especially effective on the pages where the frolicking animals' glee at their waterplay spills off the pages with a tiny, frowning Mr. Duck looking on in annoyance.

Sheri says

This story is about Duck and his pond. No one is welcome in his pond and to spoil his daily routine, but the other animals want a swim, too. And duck is not happy until he can decide when and where this fun will begin and end. Sounds like some children I know. Worth reading aloud and talking to groups or a couple of children 4- 8 years old. Prose and illustrations are fun to talk about with kids.

Stephanie says

I didn't particularly love this one. Bug did request it 3 times this week .
