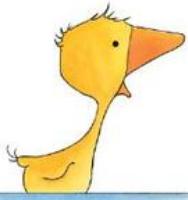


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Meet Gossie, a small yellow gosling who loves to wear bright red boots—every day. One morning Gossie can't find her beloved boots. She looks everywhere for them: under the bed, over the wall, even in the barn. Preschoolers will enjoy helping Gossie find her red boots and delight in where Gossie finally finds them.

## **Gossie Details**

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## From Reader Review Gossie for online ebook

### **Kat says**

Oh my word I know that chil...I mean gosling. Adorable book.

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### **Carol Mello says**

#### **Sweet simple story for parents to read to young children**

This is a sweet story about a gosling (children will learn that a gosling is a baby goose; parents can talk about the names for other baby birds and animals) who loves red boots. (Very tiny red boots since goslings are smaller than newborn babies.) Concepts like in and out, up and down, over and under, are covered by Gossie's adventures.

Simple crisp drawings are on every page. I remember when my son was a baby and toddler that he was not enamored of the really modern artistic illustrations in some books I bought him as I was. I learned to stop buying those to read to him when he was young. This book keeps it simple.

It will never been a classic like Green Eggs and Ham or Hop on Pop but it seems good to me. I do not have any grandchildren yet to try out the book on.

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### **Mama Bibliosoph says**

Gossie is an entry point for the larger Gossie & Friends series, and it may just get your family hooked.

There is great repetitive text throughout the story that repeats like a chorus, reminding you what's important: "Gossie is an adorable little gosling. She likes to wear her bright red boots. Every day." We learn about all the places she wears her boots (spoiler: everywhere and doing everything) with simple, poetic prose that is always presented with the kind of parallel construction that helps kids follow along easily.

Of course, Gossie's boots go missing one morning. She looks everywhere and finds them on Gertie's feet. Gertie smiles, compliments the boots, and gives them back immediately. Now Gossie has a friend.

Gossie doesn't have a ton of clothing vocabulary or dressing concepts; it's just about the boots. But the social-emotional issues around clothing that it addresses are dealt with beautifully.

Gossie's insistence on wearing the boots at all times will be familiar to many! (My son Luke is fixated on his rainboots, so this was perfect for him.) Gossie also models how to take a calm and rational approach to her boots going missing (look for them, calmly) as well as to the unpleasant discovery of a strange kid (Gertie) having borrowed them (be forgiving and friendly). A gem.

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I review books for children from the perspective of a parent of kids with autism. The review above is part of

a longer post on books about clothing and dressing:<https://www.lineupthebooks.com/dressing/>

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### **Susan says**

A family favorite. Just adorable!

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### **Kathy says**

Cute little board book that makes a great read aloud. My daughter loved it.

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### **Olivia Slykhuis says**

Just so cute. Gossie and Gertie are hilarious.

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### **Tiff says**

I \*love\* all of these stories by Dunrea. When I have kids of my own these will definitely be some of the first I read to them!

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### **Alison says**

Gossie These are some of my favorite board books. My nieces loved them when they were younger. The stories are simple but fun, and the characters are so cute.

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### **Jennifer Lavanier says**

Gossie is a perfect picture book.

A picture book's strength lies in the marriage of text and illustrations. Often this means that you learn something from the art that isn't stated in the words. The full story is only appreciated when you view the book as a whole. In Gossie, the bright, uncluttered, utterly pleasing art is a direct interpretation of the brief and straightforward text. But viewing them separately would deprive you of the pure joy that springs from the pages. Simply reading, "She walks backwards," does not fully convey the amount of happiness in those boots; you've got to see the accompanying illustration.

Rounding out this perfect package is its size, about six inches square. Readers of all ages will agree: Gossie is a very cute and endearing book.

In this first book in the Gossie & Friends Series, Gossie adores her red boots and she wears them everywhere. She is heartbroken when she discovers them missing one morning. They are soon spotted on the feet of Gertie, her newfound, boot-loving friend.

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### **Katharine Ott says**

"Gossie" - written and illustrated by Olivier Dunrea and published in 2002 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. A delightful picture book - Gossie is a darling little gosling and the charming drawings go just right with the simple words on each page. My copy has a little chart that tells this is aimed at ages 4-6, but I think that could definitely be expanded on both ends. Dunrea has created other fun adventures for Gossie and given her some cute gosling friends.

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### **J Marsano says**

#### **Could be a primer on board books**

This is the original in a series of "Gossie" books by Olivier Dunrea that follow the adventures of a small yellow gosling who likes to wear bright red boots everyday. The action begins when our hero has lost her bright red boots. Where could they be? The simple text structure builds on Gossie's search

The illustrations are simple and bold, and the text structure is simple. This allows a pre- or sub- verbal infant/toddler to follow along, making predictions and filling in the blanks. These are important steps in a young child's reading development.

The story is short, cute, and sweet. Without hitting it too heavily on the head, it's a story about how sharing makes things go nicely, and wins friends.

#### **Good for reading when...**

Bed time, day-time, car trips--an all-rounder.

#### **Sugar/Acid Balance: Will hives break out all over if you read it more than 10 times?**

Your skin should remain clear even after you have read this every night for a month. Please note this statement has not been evaluated by the Federal Communications Commission, and should not be used while or in evaluating the text's potential to generate powerful radio waves which interfere with household appliances and your cat's mood.

#### **Length, Type and Other Notes**

30 pages; Board book

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### **SaraLaLa says**

I don't know why, but I just LOVE this book.

Gossie is a gosling that likes to wear bright red boots every day. She wears it all the time. One day, she wakes up and her boots are gone. She goes on a hunt to find them. When she does find them, she has to make a tough decision.

I like the flow of the story, the pictures, and the lesson it teaches. It includes rhyme, opposites, and even a picture of a turtle (who doesn't like turtles?!?) I have skimmed some of the other books from the series, but I didn't like them as much. I'll have to give it a more legitimate try again later.

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### **KidsBooksWorthReading says**

They can be tough to find, but there are some great boardbooks out there. These are a part of a series that started with the book Gossie. They are short, adorable stories about goslings. The illustration details are darling. The stories are simple and repeat a bit, they would be perfect for new readers as well as little babes! We also had to share BooBoo, it's our favorite. She likes to eat from morning till night. So dang cute.  
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### **Spike's Place says**

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### **David says**

Gossie by Olivier Dunrea is an early entry in the Gossie and Gertie books. Gossie is "a small, yellow gosling who likes to wear bright red boots. Every day." Gossie wears them when she eats, sleeps, rides, hides, and walks. One morning Gossie can't find her red boots, so she looks under the bed, over the wall, in the barn, and under the hens. Gossie is heartbroken that she can't find them. Until she sees them walking on her friend's feet!

The text is short with simple words and lots of repetition, making it great for beginning readers and for young listeners who may memorize the story. Prepositions are featured. The conclusion is gentle and cute.

The detailed illustrations are funny. There are a number of animals shown in the story, including a bee, hummingbird, grasshopper, pig, turtle, mouse, mole, butterfly, inchworm, hens and insects. There are little details such as Gossie's name on her house and a blue blanket. The white space helps young ones focus on the illustrations and the words.

The small size makes this good for sharing one on one with babies, toddlers and preschoolers. It's a good choice to introduce sharing, especially with a friend. I LOVE this series! It really nails toddler behavior. This could also be a good gift book selection.

For ages 1 to 6, read aloud, geese, farms, animals, sharing themes, and fans of Olivier Dunrea.

