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An adorable little duckling is trying to befriend another "duck." However, he is oblivious to the fact that his potential pal is, in fact, a cat. Though resistant and stubborn at first, the cat soon realizes labels don't matter in the least—and before you know it, meowing and quacking are one and the same.

"A sweet, tender and charming experience to read aloud or together." - *Kirkus Reviews*

## Hey, Duck! Details

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# From Reader Review Hey, Duck! for online ebook

## Jane G says

LOVE LOVE LOVE the illustrations in this story. The duck and cat are so cute that you will want them to come to life off the pages. Great question is "Can a Duck and Cat be friends?" of course they can.

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## Jennifer says

Good for socialization/friendship/phonological awareness

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## Mkittysamom says

So cute! Love duck fuzz pics.. love the quack and meow! The duck makes friends with a cat and confuses it but they both learn about friendship! Just adorkable!

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## Kathy says

Description: A duck tries to befriend a cat that he does not know is a cat. He thinks the cat is a duck and talks to him as if he is a duck. The cat gets upset, but when the duck goes missing he realizes that friendship is more important than labels.

Curriculum connection: The book is filled with words like float/boat, cat/scat, duck/truck. So, it would really help children identify and produce words that rhyme and that have shared ending sounds.

Personal reaction to the book: I really loved the moral of the story-that friendship is more important than labels.

Assessment of the visual appeal: This a beautiful book. The pictures are live-in and have a real-life look to them. As I'm flipping through the pages, it feels like I'm looking through a photo album.

Genre: Picture Storybook

Intended audience: Preschool-Grade 2

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## Lara says

The story is pretty adorable--a little duckling keeps insisting that Duck (really a cat) should come play with him. But something about the illustrations bothers me; they just feel too computer generated somehow I think. Sweet book about friendship, though...

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### **Melitta Jackson (bitterlyfun) says**

I love the art in this, and the whole concept was adorable. However, towards the end of the book got a little disconnected. Something was a little off by it, it almost felt rushed and forced. Will update as soon as my niece reads it.

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### **Kathryn says**

My daughter Emily (18 months) loves this book! It is a cute book about how friendships can come in any form. Just because you're a cat, doesn't mean you can't a friend who is a duck! Cute story!

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### **Maggie says**

Adorable

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### **Jennifer says**

This is a lovely story about how one can have friends with different likes and dislikes. The illustrations are beautiful and funny enough to make a 17 month old chuckle. The prose is concise and has rhythm without being too much.

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### **R says**

This is one of of FAVORITE children's book! It's so cute and the illustrations are perfect. We love these two characters so much!

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### **Tim says**

OK, I am biased. My nickname since high school is "Duck." I am easily charmed by duckling books. Add to that, that the kitten in this book bears a striking resemblance to our Buffy Sainte Meow (who died unexpectedly early this year)...and you have a recipe for a completely biased opinion...

But I found this adorable and enjoyable from beginning to end. The extra fluffy characters in the mostly full-bleed illustrations are expressive in body and face. The duckling's enthusiastic confusion, the kitten's grumpy

resistance to the fun...toddlers will eat this up at story time or during a lap sit. It's as much fun to read as it is to look at.

Highly recommended. 4.5 stars if I could!

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### **Joy Keil says**

My daughter loves this one... she'd give it a 5/5. I think I've read it about a dozen times yesterday and today alone. Fun, but not that fun. haha

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### **Jessie Alexander-East says**

A duck keeps calling her friend, Cat, a duck much to the dismay of said cat. The rhyming text is very well done and would be perfect for a beginning reader; the illustrations are funny and surprising; and the story line will invite interesting discussion! An excellent author/illustrator debut for Bramsen!

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### **Mrs. MA says**

While the idea is cute, and the art sweet, the forced rhyming ruins the whole thing.

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### **Amber says**

Fantastically cute illustrations, especially the cat!

Simple and fun text makes it a good read for storytimes!

Duck thinks that Cat is a very interesting looking duck and asks the Cat why it looks so weird, following Cat around and being a bit of a pest. Cat finally shakes Duck off after climbing a tree to take a nap, but when Cat wakes up it's a little confused and begins to think maybe it is a duck after all so he runs off to find Duck.

Needless to say, the two become friends and learn that whether you are a duck or a cat you can have differences and similarities and get along just fine.

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