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Ollie Details

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Whole And says

Sweet and simple, Gossie and Gertie wait for Ollie to hatch but Ollie doesn't want to come out! A wonderful reader for a beginner. Gossie and Gertie never disappoint.

Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

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Gossie and Gertie are waiting, waiting, waiting for Ollie to hatch. He doesn't want to! Finally their last attempt does the trick...

I love this gosling series. My nephew does too! He likes drawing so these are perfect for him with their simple lines and clean images! We did Gossie and Gertie sitting on the egg and the hanging over the egg with the kerchief. Yeah, he really loves them... The watercolors are simply beautiful... My nephew isn't a toddler but it still very interested with the illustrations and the words are of a nice complexity for him.

I also liked how this is similar to when a child's mom is pregnant and they have to wait for the baby to be born. Also I loved that there were two goslings! It doesn't mean that Gossie and Gertie were siblings but they could be, either way it made the simple story rather fun!

BOTTOM LINE: Simply enchanting.

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Maggie says

I loved this series as a baby. It is so funny!

David says

Ollie by Olivier Dunrea is the sweet, silly tale of a willful unhatched gosling who refuses to leave his egg.

Goslings Gossie and Gertie are impatiently awaiting the arrival (hatching) of stubborn Ollie who repeatedly says "I won't come out!" The goslings cleverly use reverse psychology (telling Ollie: "Dont come out!") to finally coax Ollie out.

The text features a large font and less than 60 words with repetition. It's too small for storytime, but perfect for sharing with a couple children.

The very cute illustrations show many animals including a bird, mole, mouse, spider, sheep, a snail, pig, and lots of insects, all shown rather realistically in contrast to the goslings. Lots of emotions are shown by the goslings as they stare, wait, poke, run, chase, sit, scowl and pretend to ignore Ollie.

Dunrea nails toddler and preschooler behavior in this very funny book. Recommended for school and public libraries.

For ages 2 to 5, goslings, animals, eggs, stubborn, behavior themes, and fans of Gossie, Gertie Ollie and Olivier Dunrea!"

Sarah Cho says

For very young children. This book introduces the idea of an egg and a duck from an egg. The book is cute and goes through the process of Ollie getting ready to hatch.

The images are simple and have all white backgrounds which makes it easier for younger children to focus on the image itself.

Christina says

The series begins with Gossie & Gertie although they do not have to be read in any particular order. They are short, cute and fun books. They do not teach any higher values and morals; they are purely for entertainment. The reason I give them all four stars is because my son loves them so much, he carries them around with him everywhere and I like the art. Anything that encourages my semi-reluctant reader that well deserves a decent rating.

Lisa C says

I love this series, one of my favorite read alouds. This particular book makes me giggle inside when I read to my youngest of three kids, whose name is Ollie. When Gossie and Gertie wait impatiently for Ollie to come out of his egg, it reminds me of being pregnant with my Ollie, who, by the way, giggles every time Ollie in the book says, "I won't come out!"

Tara Strosnider says

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this book is soooo cute how ollie doesnt wanna come out but then they do a reverse psychology trick on him and he ends up coming out in the end its stinking cute and made me laugh sooo much :) cute story and series i love this :)

Danette says

5/16/17 Read with Naomi.

Laura (Book Scrounger) says

The category of "books my children randomly pick out at the library" can be very hit or miss, but this was a simple, enjoyable book (and also an introduction to using reverse psychology!). Ollie is in his egg and doesn't want to come out, despite many requests. Finally, he is simply told not to come out -- and that seems to do the trick! My two-year-old wanted to read this many times.

Amy says

Good for very young kids. Simple and sweet

Erica Nicol says

Baby's first book about reverse psychology. But also funny, warm, and one of our favorites. The tension of the story (Ollie won't come out of his egg) is simple but compelling, and the end still brings a smile to my face. Dunrea's illustrations are bright, expressive, and appealing.

June says

This is a small book, but I am an Ollie fan and use them when I have small Story Times, which is more often now that more children are going to day cares and preschools.

Ollie won't come out until Gossie & Gertie finally use reverse psychology. 3/28/12

This was requested by a precocious boy at our Eggstravaganza. He gave away the ending, but he and the story got a lot of laughs. (Usually, I wouldn't use this small book with a larger group, but it was quite well received.) 3/27/13

One girl was a real Dunrea fan, so we did both Gus and Ollie in PJ Story Time.

Courtney says

Good book for preschoolers awaiting a new sibling. One of my favorite from the series.

Jessica says

This is a cute book with adorable drawings. This will be great for younger kids!

Lexile Measure: BR-220

DRA Level: A-1

Six Traits: Ideas, Voice
