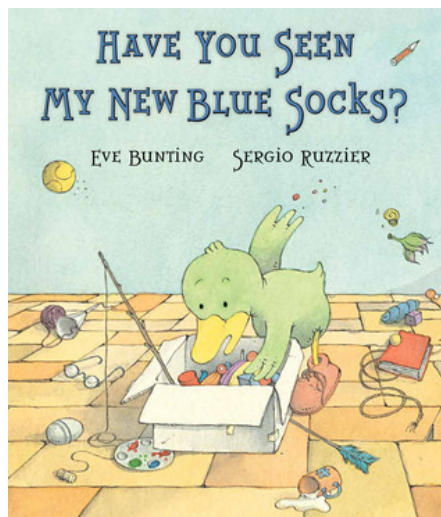




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“I have lost my new blue socks. Did I put them in my box?” Simple rhymes—including *socks*, *box*, *fox*, and *ox*!—spin the tale of a small duck who waddles through the countryside, forlornly searching for his blue socks. “I’m trying not to be depressed. / Without my socks I feel undressed.” Finally, a sharp-eyed peacock sees a bit of blue peeking out of duck’s lace-up shoes and the mini-mystery is solved! Soft-hued, adorable pen-and-ink and watercolor paintings adorn this winsome story that shares the familiar experience of not really losing something after all.

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Barbara says

I love Eve Bunting. She can write in so many styles. This is more like an early reader with repeating rhyming sentences that kids will love to finish for you when you read it out loud. The colorful water color and pen illustrations add great clues to the easy text. They provide lot of back story to the written story. This might be a fun book to read in a Kindergarten class to inspire kids to write their own rhyming stories.

Carol says

Completely adorable and thoroughly engaging. Duck is on a quest to find his missing socks. After searching his house, he seeks help from his friends. Sharp eyed readers will find the socks before duck and his friends solve the mystery.

Mandy Laferriere says

Very cute, with a fun ending. If you look closely, the illustrations are a lot more complex than it appears on first glance. My son loves to point out the objects and name them. We enjoy this one a lot!

Alison says

There is a reason why this title has received FIVE STARRED REVIEWS.

Even Kirkus gave this one a Star, people!

YES. KIRKUS!

It is just that good-illustrations and text blend for that perfect match of a picture book. Very funny-very Seuss like-and yet, still original and fun to read. Good pacing-visually and through the writing. Kudos to the team at Clarion for matching Bunting & Ruzzier here.

My 2 1/2 year old loved the set up and laughed when he realized where the lost socks were.

I am beyond tickled to have found this book in a special call out display at my local library (Huzzah Montclair, NJ Public Library Main Branch Children's staff!).

I have a feeling that I will be reading this one every night until it's due back in a month!

Run our and grab for the pre-reader or beginning reader in your life. You will not be disappointed.

Molly says

If you've ever lost your glasses on your own head or your keys in your own pocket, the duck in this book is the pal for you.

Meg says

Perfect for preschool read-aloud, by also would be great for an emerging reader with all the rhyming and controlled vocabulary.

I love that the illustrations include a book shelf, or an ox sitting at his easel with paints. Very subtle, but a celebration of the arts. Nice touch!

Teresa says

This sounded much like a re-done Dr. Seuss book. I think I was spoiled by Ms. Bunting's Smokey Night and expected a bit more. I realize that this book is, of course, aimed at a younger audience and shouldn't be judged by the same standard, but even with that in mind, it didn't appeal to me that much.

Carol says

Duck can not find his new blue socks. He looks in his box and asks his friends, Fox and Mr. Ox. He even looks by the rocks and talks to the peacocks. Where he finds his new blue socks will be obvious to some grown-ups early on, but youngsters will love discovering them long before Duck does.

Eve Bunting has tapped into her inner Dr. Seuss with this one. It reads like "Green Eggs and Ham" and "Fox in Socks". The illustrations however, do not follow the Seussian style of bold colors and quirky characters. Bunting's tale is well-paired with more of a classic and charming style in a muted color palette. This will be a great choice for reading to individual young children or to larger groups. And it does beg to be read-aloud!

Kathryn says

CUTE! The illustrations are darling and the story is a fun one, told in rhyme, that reminded me a bit of Green Eggs and Ham. The repetition of the "ox" sounds (Socks, Ox, Fox) is a delight to read aloud. The illustrations are fun and adorable (I like some of the humorous touches, such as the fox reading and eating a bunch of grapes!) and, of course, it's fun to try and see if you can see the blue sock somewhere in the pictures. My five month old was quite drawn to the illustrations.

Tasha says

Duck has lost his new blue socks. He searches in his box, but they aren't there. He asks his friend Fox who

hasn't seen them either. Perhaps Ox knows where his socks are? Ox remembers seeing some socks down by the rocks. But those socks are purple, not blue socks, and they aren't new either. Finally, Duck asks a group of peacocks about his socks. And they do know where his socks are! It turns out they are in a most surprising place!

Bunting has written a picture book in rhyme that dances along to a jaunty beat. The rhymes are merrily done, done in a humorous way. She makes it all look so easy and effortless, but rhyming picture books are some of the most difficult to do well. Kudos to Bunting for maintaining the joy in simple rhymes. Her words read aloud well and are also simple enough for beginning readers to tackle.

Ruzzier's illustrations are the key to young readers spotting the blue socks which are slowly revealed as the book progresses. Expect eagle-eyed children to figure out the answer even before the adults. Ruzzier fills Duck's world with lots of clutter from starfish to soccer balls to underwear. Done in ink and watercolor, the colors are bright and add to the surreal nature of the story itself.

Socks lost and then found, rhymes and rhythms, and a delight of a read aloud to share, this book has it all! Appropriate for ages 3-5.

Jim Erikson says

Okay, Lu. Is this one really a Caldecott contender, or did you just throw it in there because of the abiding human theme of New Socks?

The first thought that crossed my mind after the first page was, "Maybe they're in your gigantic shoes." Dramatic irony! Did Bunting and Ruzzier intend it?

Too close to Fox in Socks with the rhyming choices, and not nearly as full of fresh voice as Bob Shea's book!

Samantha says

A rhyming hunt for missing socks. Pen, ink and watercolor illustrations are full of fun details to discover. It's been quite awhile since I got this lost in the pictures in a picture book.

The ending is funny and so much better than if they had been hiding in some obscure place. I especially appreciated how a reader's careful attention to all of the artistic details included in the pictures help them figure out the mystery of the missing blue socks.

Archit Ojha says

Have you?

I think they were here the last time I wore them.

Our duck can't seem to figure out where the socks went. Adorable the way she asks about the socks to fox and other animals.

Cute. I am reading this to my sons and daughters.

Might prepare them for classic O Henry endings.

Good work by Eve Bunting.

A children's book. With that super duck.

Gets a 5 star all along.

Margie says

When Eve Bunting writes a book you read it. But when Sergio Ruzzier illustrates it, it goes to a whole new level of charming. There is something extraordinary about his interpretation of the text. His characters' features make you love them instantly. Losing socks has never been so good.

My full review: <http://bit.ly/11GUAqA>

Dolly says

This is an entertaining rhyming tale that very much reminds me of Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss. The repetition and rhyme scheme is quite humorous and rhythmic and I expect that young children will enjoy hearing this book read aloud over and over.

The illustrations are colorful and cartoonish, and the little duck is adorable. Even though this book was a bit too 'babyish' for our girls, we still enjoyed reading it aloud together. Fun for individual or group storytime.
