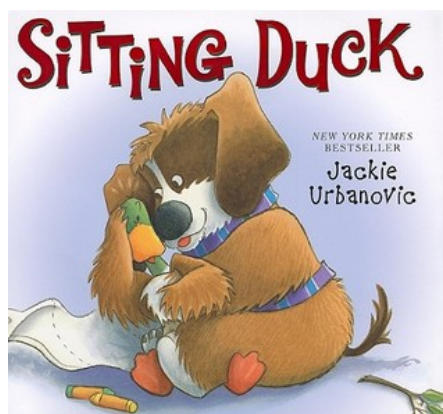




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From Reader Review Sitting Duck for online ebook

Hector Gutierrez says

Really nice illustrations, I recommend this book for anyone that needs a fun book to wake the class up. This book is really interactive if they can read children s books then this is there book. I would use this book to talk about how to behave with a babysitter and how to behave also.

Mrs. Downs says

Puppy sitting is more like it. Annabelle comes to visit uncle Body and boy do they really enjoy their day. So many activities to do together to the point of exhaustion!

Miss Sarah says

A duck and two dogs are babysitting a puppy. what could go wrong? So cute and filled with love nad enthusasism. Preschool and up

Libby says

Not sure about this series--I've read a couple, but they just don't click for me. In this episode, Max the duck has become part of the family with Brody the (sheep?)dog, Irene the human, and a whole lot of other animals and gets roped into babysitting for Brody's niece. Has cute elements, but again, just doesn't quite mesh for me. I think there are too many animals (I find it hard to keep characters names' straight) to be able to really identify with them.

Mark Fehlandt says

Confusing at best, this book has no real discernible plot and so many characters that it's hard to keep track of them. The characters show no development nor do they seem to have very strong relationships to each other, and quoted statements aren't attached to any particular characters making it even more difficult to follow. Overall the illustrations are pretty strong, but they can't make up for the lack of a story, or any kind of lesson, moral, or new knowledge for kids to learn from.

carissa says

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I didn't really like this book for read-aloud. I thought the dialogue was confusing and it was hard to identify which character was saying what.

Kiddo says

Simple, fun, sweet. Reading more by this author at kiddo's request.

Kelly says

The story was okay, but the whole things just felt all willy-nilly. It went all over the place. In fact, the beginning of the book was a bit hard to follow.

Libby says

My 21-mo-old son really liked this book. I found the illustrations and expressive text to be fun, though the story is not particularly memorable or clever. I thought there were a lot of unnecessary character-mentions, which was quite confusing for the first few read-throughs. It took awhile to realize who was who, and even now, I don't know who all the characters are. It makes me think that maybe this is supposedly a popular series and "everyone" already knows all the characters? I've never heard of it... Perhaps it's based on a tv show? Anyway, it is a fun read, though I wouldn't consider it to be a "must-have" for my permanent collection.

Cooper Elementary says

Max the duck is helping his friend Brody babysit his niece Anabel. After playing dress up, chef and ball, Brody is tired. He tries to get Anabel to take a nap, but he's the one who falls asleep. Anabel begs Uncle Max to take her outside. Max thinks one puppy won't be any trouble, but that's a big mistake!

The cartoon-like pictures show just how busy Anabel is. Young readers will enjoy seeing how Max solves Anabel's biggest problem. This is also a great book to use when talking about reading expressively.

Check out *Duck and Cover* and *Duck at the Door* for more amusing adventures of Max the Duck and his friends.

Aiden and Jack says

GRL: N
DRA: 30

Erica says

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Leah Edel says

Summary:

Brody and the other animals in the house were supposed to babysit his niece Anabel. A lot of the animals left the house because they didn't want to have to help. Brody and Anabel did a lot of things together, like chef and dress up, but then Brody was tired and wanted to have a naptime. So, Brody ended up falling asleep and Anabel didn't, instead she went outside to jump on the trampoline with Max. After a lot of jumping, Anabel got stuck in the tree and it took a while for her to get down. By the time Anabel needed to be picked up she was sleeping because they had such a long day.

Possible Topics:

1. Babysitting- fun but also can be a lot of work.
 2. Don't fall asleep when you are supposed to be doing something.
 3. Be careful on a trampoline!
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Elizabeth says

This is such a cute book and very helpful for teaching prediction. The way the events unfold naturally lend themselves for asking what could happen next. The way the text is in the book, it is paired with that particular illustration and so makes a smooth transition for students who use the illustrations for meaningful clues.

Pamela Hatch says

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REVIEW. I love the first book in the series, DUCK AT THE DOOR, but this title was not a favorite of mine. The best thing going for it is the humorous illustrations. But those readers that like the Max the Duck series will enjoy this one as well.
