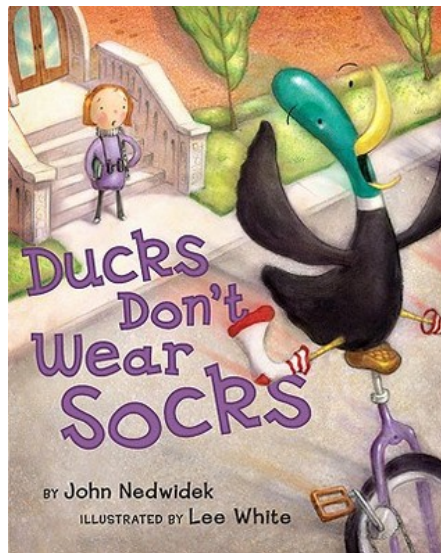




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Emily is a serious girl. She enjoys serious things like bird-watching, math, and playing the cello. But one day while she's taking a walk, Emily runs into Duck, who is anything but serious . . . *"Duck," asked Emily. "What are you wearing?"*

"Socks!" yelled Duck.

"Ducks don't wear socks," replied Emily seriously.

"Cold feet!" yelled Duck, and off he went.

Through a series of humorous run-ins, Duck teaches Emily the importance of laughing; especially at oneself. A witty and comical debut picture book, this hilariously illustrated story will have readers laughing along with Emily.

Ducks Don't Wear Socks Details

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From Reader Review Ducks Don't Wear Socks for online ebook

Isa says

We have read this book multiple times, and every time we laugh so much, my son wont get rid of the book since he loves it to much.

Amy Forrester says

Emily was a very serious girl. So she is not at all amused when she sees Duck wearing socks and riding a unicycle! She informs him that, "Ducks don't wear socks." Duck replies, "Cold feet!" and cycles off. The next day Duck is pleased to show Emily that he's not wearing socks, but Emily points out, quite seriously, that he's wearing a tie. Each day Emily encounters Duck wearing a different item of clothing, a cowboy hat, boots, even underwear, until she just can't keep a straight face anymore! The next day Duck isn't wearing anything unusual, but Emily is. She's dressed like a duck!

This humorous story reminds readers that it's ok to be silly. The text is divided into short, fast-paced exchanges between Emily and Duck and this moves the story along at a quick pace. The difference between the two main characters is further emphasized by the pictures, which show a stately Emily and frenetic whirlwind that is Duck. White's illustrations are stylized and add another layer of humor to the story. Detailed characters and foreground elements pop out against a blurred background of buildings.

Full Review at Picture-Book-a-Day: <http://picturebookaday.blogspot.com/2...>

Romanus Elangwe says

This is a humorous story between "serious" Emily and Duck. Emily meets with a duck who wears socks and day after day he changes his outfits to look like an executive officer with a tie, a cowboy with a hat, boots to plow like a farmer, and underwear! Emily keeps reminding Duck each time they meet that ducks don't wear this kind of articles; but Duck always has a reason why he has those articles on. Serious Emily is amused and starts to smile each time she see Duck in the different attires. In the end, Emily is dressed like a duck and Duck asks what Emily was wearing and Emily responds that she was a duck. That caused Emily and Duck to laugh so hard that Emily cried while Duck quacked away.

The story is made more engaging by the pictures of a well dressed Emily and silly Duck with boots and shovel.

I will read the book aloud in class and attempt to make a drama out of the story. The image of the duck is a good story starter.

Amy Whitmer says

Ducks Don't Wear Socks is about a little girl named Emily who is described as "very serious". She meets a duck who is wearing socks. Over the course of several days, Emily sees the duck wearing numerous other

items of clothing. At first this perplexes her and she states that ducks can't wear these articles of clothing, but the duck always protests with an explanation as to why he needs each item. Over time she starts to loosen up and finally begins to see the humor in what is happening. By the end of the book, Emily dresses up as a duck and she and the duck have fun laughing at each other.

The illustrations in this book can best be described as soft and silly. The illustrations have a hand drawn appearance and the colors are soft and muted. The duck is a bit exaggerated with an extra long head. The scenery in the background of each picture is blurred and barely comprehensible so that your focus is on the main characters in each scene.

I really enjoyed this book. It was a simple story, but it had a good message behind it. Sometimes we just need to lighten up a little and go with the flow.

In a classroom setting, I can see this book being used as a way to introduce the topic of following rules and when it's ok to be a little silly.

(Note: this is one of my picture book soak selections)

Alexsys O says

Really cute and funny story featuring a duck, who may or may not be wearing socks at one point. Great idea behind the story and the importance of laughter and not taking everything in life too seriously. The story can do without the illustrations but they really help with the imagery of the duck.

Barbara says

Summary (CIP): Emily, a serious girl, meets a duck who helps her see the more humorous side of life.

REVIEW: This wacky, just-for-fun picture book will entertain preschoolers and beginning readers with its simple text and great visual clues and action. Duck's antics, including always-good-for-laughs references to underwear, gradually encourage serious Emily to lighten up and she finally makes duck laugh too. The art is lively, clear, and cartoon-like, making this book great storytime or read-aloud material.

SLJ: Starred Review.

"A lighthearted lesson on the benefits of laughter, this is just plain fun. Duck will fly off the shelves with the same speed as Mo Willems's Pigeon."

Kirkus Reviews: Positive.

"The quirky illustrations play off the absurdity, with Duck's retorts in heavy type. White affects an unusual artistic device with Duck: His dot eye and eyebrow from the usually unseen side of his profile are drawn, seemingly floating in space. This goofy concept will entertain kids as it pokes fun at being too serious."

Amy Goldstein says

This sweet story about not taking life too seriously certainly got giggles and guffaws from the children I read

it to! Perfect for Crazy Sock Day!

Donna Mork says

Cute book about a serious little girl who meets a not-so-serious duck. One day he wears socks. The next day a cowboy hat. Each day she is a little closer to laughing...she smiles a little. Then one day giggles. Then one day she shows up in a duck outfit. They laugh and go off together.

Rossy says

This book is so adorable I want to eat it.

Duck is a lovable, cute, charming, fun character. He is so witty and inventive!

Emily is a serious girl, but meeting Duck makes her live change, makes her be more open to having fun, and LAUGHING!

The final scene is perfect, I honestly laughed out loud and I am still very happy about it :)

Devan says

Summary:

A little girl sees a duck wearing a different piece of clothing each day. At first she thinks its weird, because she is very serious about everything. But soon she starts to find it funny. In the end she ends up wearing a Duck suit and makes the duck laugh.

Critique:

I think it is a great book for kids. Often children can become very focused on things, which can be good for them, but if they are too serious it takes the fun out of it. This book reminds them to have fun and laugh at silly things. There was only a short line on each page, so the text was kept short and simple. This made it a good book for new readers as they could probably read it by themselves, and use the illustrations as context clues if needed. The illustrations told the story very well. Each image showed the girl and the duck, so you could see what the duck was wearing and how the girl was reacting. This made it so the story was readable without any of the text.

Teaching Ideas:

Do animals wear clothes, have jobs, go places?

What do animals do? Why don't animals need clothes?

Make sure to laugh at things- not everything needs to be serious.

Nedwidek, J. (2008). Ducks don't wear socks. New York, NY: Viking.

April says

1. Rating: 4

2. Book review from Children's Literature said, "This delightful tale with charming illustrations is a story about personalities and change. Emily is a serious little girl, unlike Duck, who is light-hearted and fun-loving. Duck helps Emily see the more humorous side of life because he disregards what Emily announces to

be appropriate behavior, and does what makes him happy."

3. I thought this book had great illustrations; I loved the colors and full-page spreads that were used. I also really liked that she left a lot of white space on multiple pages so you can really focus on what's in the foreground. This sweet story about a serious young girl and a silly duck that eventually makes her laugh is up-beat and a lot of fun to read. I would recommend it to any second or third grade reader or to a teacher of any grade K-3 that wanted to do a fun read-aloud to the class.

Jaime says

Liked this one but was left wanting to know more.

Jennifer says

Oh my goodness this book is so much fun! A perfect preschool read aloud for story time.

Denise says

The narrative builds consistently and unexpectedly. Very cute and funny.

Ruhama says

"Emily was a serious girl." Though this is the only written description, we learn much about Emily through the illustrations: she takes cello lessons, her mom takes her to fancy cafés and she enjoys bird watching. And that's where her seriousness gets tried: one day she sees a duck wearing socks. Then he's wearing a tie. The last thing she sees him wearing is, of course, underwear, which makes her giggle. This fun story will make you laugh, and the pictures amplify the text beautifully: soft, clean and colorful, duck is wacky and Emily is cute. Pair this with a Pigeon book (Mo Willems) for a fun bird storytime.
