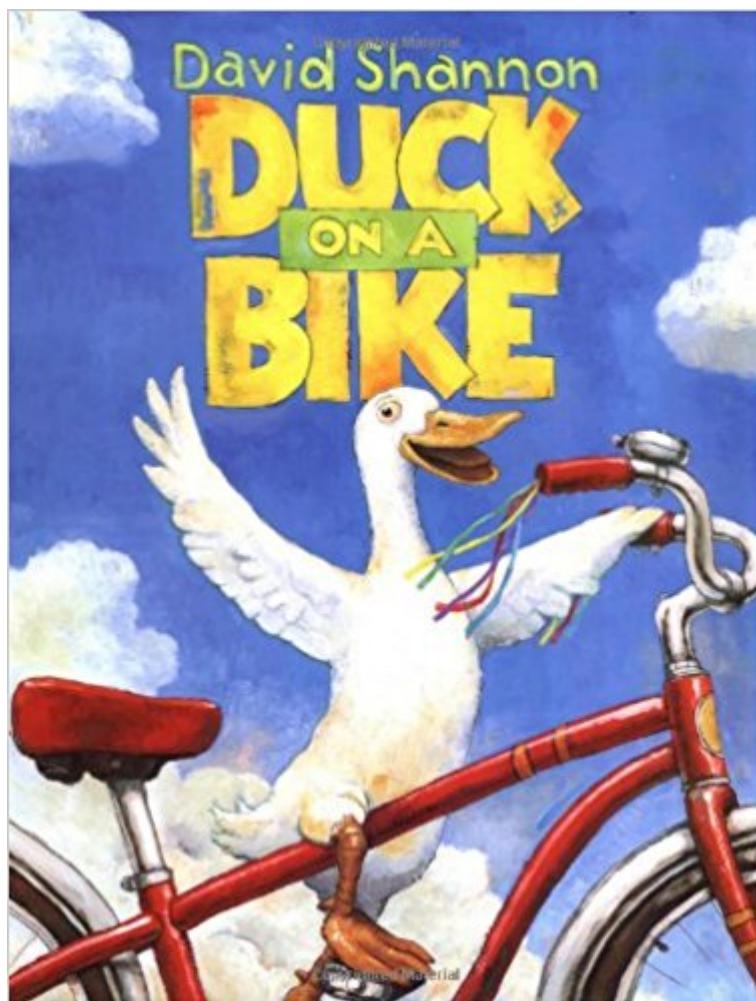


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## Duck On A Bike



## **Synopsis**

One day down on the farm, Duck got a wild idea. "I bet I could ride a bike," he thought. He waddled over to where the boy parked his bike, climbed on and began to ride. At first he rode slowly and he wobbled a lot, but it was fun! Duck rode past Cow and waved to her. "Hello, Cow!" said Duck. "Moo," said Cow. But what she thought was, "A duck on a bike? That's the silliest thing I've ever seen!" And so Duck rides past sheep, horse, and all the other barnyard animals. Suddenly, a group of kids ride by on their bikes and run into the farmhouse, leaving the bikes outside. Now ALL the animals can ride bikes, just like Duck!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

When Duck gets the zany idea to ride a bike one day, each animal on the farm has a reaction. "M-o-o-o," says Cow. But what she's really thinking is, "A duck on a bike? That's the silliest thing I've ever seen!" Pig and Pig say "Oink," thinking all the while, "Duck is such a show-off!" But it's not until a crew of kids shows up and leaves their bikes lying about that the true feelings of all the animals come to light, and for one brief, glorious moment, the farm is a mad, mad world of two-wheeling road hogs (and chickens and horses and goats). David Shannon, the creator of Caldecott Honor Book, *No, David!*, fills the pages of this barnyard romp with sun-soaked color, charming animals, and unusual perspectives. We see Cat, for example, looming belly-first in the

foreground, with Duck merrily pedaling away in the distance. The story itself is nothing to write home about--No, David! is far snappier and more original--but younger kids may well enjoy the repetitive crescendo and the goofy finale. (Ages 4 to 8) --Emilie Coulter

Shannon serves up a sunny blend of humor and action in this delightful tale of a Duck who spies a red bicycle one day and gets "a wild idea." Sure enough, in no time flat, he's tooling around the farmyard. A succession of his barnyard friends greet him politely enough, but their private responses range from scornful ("That's the silliest thing I've ever seen," from Cow) to boastful ("You're still not as fast as me," from Horse) to wistful ("I wish I could ride a bike just like Duck," from Mouse). Then a herd of kids rides down the road in a blur of dust; they park their bikes and head indoors. A wordless spread records the sublime moment when the animals all gather with identical wide-eyed looks and sly smiles. Readers can almost see what they're thinking, and sure enough, the next spread shows them all zipping around on bikes, with Duck in the lead. Shannon makes the most of awkward appendages on wheels and handlebars, and deftly balances clean compositions with just the right amount of detail. Varying perspectives including the chicken's-eye-view of Duck's bike wheel looming large provide plenty of good-natured dash. Add to all this the abundant opportunity for youngsters to chime in with barnyard responses ("M-o-o-o

This book is wonderful--great story, captivating illustrations, and silly to boot. As a preschool teacher, this is a beloved book in my classroom. **HOWEVER**, when I purchased the paperback version for my own kids, I was sorely disappointed in the quality. Flimsy card stock cover, pages so thin they feel as if they were newsprint. I'm bummed I didn't spend a little more for the hardcover, which I would hope would be a better quality. Debating sending it back...

I first bought this book at a book fair at my son's school when he was 4. He's now 12 and I cannot count how many copies of this book I have purchased for gifts over the years. It's great for girls and boys alike. The story is so engaging for young ones, and the pictures are so bright and colorful. My kids laugh from beginning to end every time! And the message is one I love...never be afraid to try something...even if others think you shouldn't or you can't. Kids like to read the same book over and over, night after night, and this is one I NEVER get tired of reading. I have a younger son now too and he loves this book too now! I also recommend 'How I Became A Pirate' by the same author (David Shannon). But that one is probably better for boys. This one is great for any child.

My 4 year old children love this book! We had a duck on a tractor and they kept asking if we could read the book where a duck ride a bike. It is one of their favorite books and they asked to read it all the time.

The humorous story line and the detailed and accurate illustrations by David Shannon are a true pleasure! Our family loves bikes and our children and grandchildren love to match the farm animals to the various styles of bikes. We volunteer reading to at risk first graders and this is our book of choice to sit side by side and share. The giggles of children as they discover pig and pig riding the tandem, horse on the racing bike, goat eating the straw bike basket, or cow on the banana seat. The surprise ending leaves everyone anticipating another story yet to come.

My daughter teaches 4th grade and is very particular about what books I can buy for my granddaughter aged 3. This book was one they borrowed from the local library and my granddaughter insisted on three readings each night for two weeks! They really like the CD as she can listen as she goes to sleep. My daughter really like the author's reading of the story on the CD, he does a fantastic job. I highly recommend this for pre-school and primary readers although my grandson aged 9 likes to read it also.

The book is nice and humorous. My children at work enjoy it.

Colorful, fun filled book about individuality and standing your ground. Beautiful illustrations detail Duck learning to ride a bike despite his friends lack of enthusiasm in his adventure. Even though they make comments and appear not to be interested, when the opportunity presents itself, they all take a hilarious chance and share the experience. Great gateway to open discussion about trendsetting and being the leader of the herd, rather than a follower.

For me, any book that can be acted, as much as read aloud, is a book that I want to share with my listeners and one that I would definitely recommend to you. This book is both those things. The ingenious text invites you to mimic the farm animals and be the most spirited reader you can be. In the hands of a dedicated reader and/or a devoted parent, this title will prove an exceedingly satisfying read. The illustrations are gorgeous and can be most appreciated in the arms of a child while he/she studies them up close. The clever ending will hopefully tempt your son or daughter to say, "Uh-oh, what's he up to now?" and foster a discussion with him/her about what might happen to

Duck next. This is one of the best examples of contemporary literature for young children because it so artfully combines smart writing with outstanding illustrations. Again, like so many of the books I've presented to my audiences at the Children's Museum, this is a book that should be included in your young child's library because it will undoubtedly be read over and over and enjoyed till it's worn.

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