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Duck & Goose are back in this sturdy board book, perfect for preschoolers! And this time, *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator Tad Hills brings our favorite feathered friends out to celebrate Valentine's Day. What does Goose need more than anything this Valentine's Day? A hug from a good friend.

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Tracy says

4.5 stars. Goose's friends mean well, but they are not necessarily good listeners. But eventually Goose manages to communicate and get what they need.

Update, 30 January 2018: I bought a copy of this book because the basic lesson is so important: it's good to take care of each other and let other people take care of us, and it's better still if we freaking listen to each other and find out what kind of care to give/take.

Minus 0.5 stars for ALMOST not gendering any of the characters except for the "here's what this book is about" summary text on the back cover, gah. Seriously tempted just to schmear that one out so I can use whatever pronouns I want.

Rachael says

A simple primer on how to help a sad or grieving friend. In a nutshell: Listen, and hug. :D I love this sweet board book so much.

Marisa Ewing says

Goose is trying to tell his friends that he needs a hug, but they keep interjecting what they think he needs. In the end Goose tells them and his friends give him a hug.

The Duck and Goose series are really sweet, they are simple and funny. I like the friendship of the duck and goose and all the things they get into.

I could use this story in language therapy to target pragmatics, it could be used as a social story if the client has trouble picking up on social cues, or tends to interject their own thoughts instead of listening to what people really want to say.

Amanda Hookham says

Goose is sad and needs a hug but his friends keep asking if he needs other things before the eventually ask what he needs (though he tried telling them the entire book)! Irritating friends

Habrewer says

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A review copy of this book was viewed from Edelweiss in exchange for an honest review

Goose is feeling sad and his friends want to cheer him up. The problem is they aren't listening to him and though all their suggestions are fun, it isn't what Goose wants. When he finally gets a chance to tell them he just needs a hug, they all happily agree.

This is a cute book with lots of colorful pictures. The story is great and teaches the children the importance of listening to their friends. We don't always know what someone needs unless we stop and take the time to really listen to them. It also shows them that it's ok to ask for a hug anytime.

Even though the book seemed a little young for her, Lilly really liked it. We give Duck and Goose, Goose Needs a Hug 4 stars.

Lindsey says

I like the Duck & Goose stories anyway but I think this is one of the best. It's marketed as a Valentine's story but doesn't have anything associated with the holiday in it and is appropriate year round.

Goose needs a hug (for unspecified reasons). But he can't get a word in edgewise because Duck is busy assuming he knows what Goose needs. This is a great short story for little ones and can be used as a springboard for lots of important discussions about listening, respecting others' needs, why someone might need a hug, and giving within a friendship.

Erin Buhr says

Duck and Goose are back in this latest book by Tad Hills. This time Goose is feeling sad. Goose knows that he needs a hug, but his friends who are eager to help keep interrupting him with feel good remedies of their own. Will they finally pause long enough to listen to Goose's message? Emotions are an important topic to discuss with toddlers and often part of this conversation is finding appropriate things that make us feel better. This is a sweet and silly discussion about feelings and friendship designed for all those toddlers that are trying to sort out these important ideas.

SaraLaLa says

This was another non-story. Goose needs a hug. Goose tries to tell everyone this but keeps getting interrupted. Finally, at the very end, Goose gets to say what he/she needs. The end.

Reading it aloud, I just felt like I was teaching my daughter to interrupt people over and over again. I felt really rude.

Heather Jo says

lily summer reading 2018, board book, series, duck & goose, hugs, love

Elizabeth Brown says

This is definitely a social emotional book. I would use this book with 2 to 4 years olds when discussing the importance of listening to one another. Or when discussing the importance of respecting one another's feelings. I would explain to them that sometimes their friend may not want to play. We all know how it feels to not be heard or talked over. Therefore, it is important to ask questions and listen to your friends because all they may want is a hug.

Kaydee says

I caught the baby reading this to herself and laughing out loud at it! We had fun reading it together, too.

Richie Partington says

Richie's Picks: DUCK & GOOSE: GOOSE NEEDS A HUG by Tad Hills, Schwartz & Wade, December 2012, 22p., ISBN: 978-0-307-98293-3

"A hug is a near universal form of physical intimacy, in which two people put their arms around the neck, back, or waist of one another and hold each other closely. If more than two persons are involved, this is referred to as a group hug." -- Wikipedia definition

"Say the word and you'll be free

Say the word and be like me"

-- Lennon & McCartney

"The Word found The Beatles singing for the first time about love as a notional concept. It was a turning point in their writing, marking a transition between early songs such as She Loves You, and the psychedelic era's belief that All You Need is Love."

-- from beatlesbible.com

"I'm feeling sad. I think I need--

"Wait! We know what will cheer you up. Let's play hide-and-seek!"

"No, thank you. I just need--"

Wait. Wait. Now, I'll tell you. Duck and Duck's friends are not from my neck of the woods. Duck and Duck's friends are just not getting it. That is, getting what Goose really needs.

It's different here in the San Francisco Bay area where the Summer of Love took place forty-six years ago. This here is the land of hugs.

Here, when you meet someone for the first time, you give them a big hug. Here, when you say good morning to your housemates or friends or coworkers, or when someone comes home, or when someone's just dealt with anything at all challenging, you give them a big hug. You walk in to pick up a slice of pizza or a tempeh burger to go? You give the owner and the waitresses a hug. When you go into a job interview? You start by going around the room and hugging everybody. It's easy. It feels great. Children here are raised to instinctively hug everyone and everything they meet. Here, we need the kind of books that warn children not to hug skunks.

But in other parts of the world, like Back East, Down South, or A Thousand Miles From Any Decent Surfing, little kids and even lots of grownups often need help in learning about hugging. I can tell sometimes that I'm far from home because I'll be at some convention and I'll walk up to an author I haven't previously met and give him or her a big hug and get a vibe like I'm from another planet. This can be a problem.

And so you have here the tale of Goose needing a hug and having his friends offering everything else in the world to him. When they finally let him get a word in, he tells them what he is really needing, and -- lucky for him -- they happily oblige. What he needs, of course, same as anybody else, is a hug.

Here, we all know about hugs. Now the rest of the United States gets to catch up on the magic of hugging thanks to this great board book.

Now come on over here.

Let me give you a hug.

Richie Partington, MLIS

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Meredith says

What's amazing about Duck and Goose is that they can deal with universal concepts and classic childhood without sounding sappy, preachy, or trite. In this book, Goose is sad, and all he needs from his friends is a hug.

Duck & Goose, How Are You Feeling? is also a great book to talk to small children about their feelings as it contains more than the basics of happy, sad, and mad.

Lynne says

My granddaughter (who just turned 3) loves the board books of Duck and Goose. These stories are simple and fun for the little ones. She still has us reading the Christmas book so I picked up this one for her for Valentines Day. I love the sweetness of the story. Goose tells Duck that he's feeling sad, but before he can

say what he needs, Duck jumps in with suggestions and ways to help. Lots of them. Until finally at the end he manages to tell Duck what he really needs, and he gets his hug from his good friends.

There are Duck and Goose books with more text so children can grow with these characters. I also bought a couple of these for my granddaughter and I'm eager to see if she loves them as much.

Paula Heller says

This is a cute and funny story for children of all ages. The words are very simple and the pictures are full of color. The book shows you why you should listen to your friends. If you don't listen then you may never understand how they feel. After hearing the story, children will learn that being a great listener is an important piece to being a great friend.
