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All Max wants to do is eat the chocolate chicken that someone left in the birdbath one fine spring morning. But "wait, Max," his sister Ruby says, "First we go on an egg hunt." Max does his best to play along, but when Ruby finds all the eggs-and he finds only ants and acorns-he shows her what can happen when you put all your eggs in one basket!

Max's Chocolate Chicken Details

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Shahd Rdawi says

? story

Jc says

Brother does not earn the reward but takes it anyways. Not really what kids should taught, is it?

Pamela says

SUMMARY: Max wants the chocolate chicken in the birdbath. But Ruby says they have to have a contest to see who can find the most painted eggs. The one with the most gets the chocolate chicken as a prize. But Max is easily distracted by other things so how will he ever find enough eggs to win? NOTES: I have always had a fondness for Max and his simple ways. In this story Max is being Max by concentrating on everything but finding the painted eggs as instructed. I pulled this story as a possible inclusion in a chocolate curriculum but decided that it did not fit my needs. I also love the idea of the chocolate chicken since the book characters are bunnies.

Ashlynn Armstrong says

This story was about two bunnies who are brother and sister who are going on an Easter egg hunt. The winner will win a chocolate chicken. Ruby appears to be the clear winner because Max can't find any eggs. Eventually Max sneaks off to eat the chocolate chicken. So what does Ruby get even though she won?

This was one of the funniest books I have ever read. I loved how Max found a way to get what he wanted, and came up with a solution that worked for him. The writing was so innocent and well put together I could have imagined the story without pictures, but the pictures made the story just as great.

I would use this book in a classroom around Easter time. I might not show the children the pictures at first and ask them to be the illustrators.

Olivia Slykhuis says

This book is sweet and hilarious. Ruby is bossy and in control ("Max, pull yourself together!"), Max is unconcerned. Great Easter (or anytime) book. Cute and funny enough to work for fairly little kids, 3+.

jacky says

This Max and Ruby titles was read at story time for Easter. While not a religious book, it is very clearly an Easter book since it features the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt. It works well for our family, which is into Christian / American holiday traditions, but not connected with an organized religion. If that's not your family though, you might find it too commercial or dislike that its an Easter book at all. The story wasn't as great as other Max and Ruby titles. Max and Ruby are competing for a chocolate chicken. Ruby keeps finding eggs and Max other interesting objects. Since he is going to lose, Max steals the chicken and eats it. The Easter Bunny brings them a new one for Ruby. It just wasn't as funny and Max's naughty behavior goes completely unchecked or balanced. At least in other titles when he's naughty its funny or icky.

Pamela Hatch says

Another funny adventure of Max and his sister Ruby, this time at an Easter egg hunt to win the large chocolate chicken. Ruby is very serious about following the rules and finding the most eggs. Max is simply being Max and focuses on anything that grabs his attention like mud, acorns, and ants. He also upsets the game by taking the chocolate chicken and eating it himself. Interesting second storyline with the Easter bunny and the phrase "I Love You."

Caitlyn says

I really enjoyed reading this picture book. It is a cute book that shows Max and Ruby hunting to find the most eggs to win the chocolate chicken. Max and Ruby are brother and sister. Ruby finds all of the eggs, while Max doesn't find any. Max runs back and hides from Ruby. He eats all of the chocolate chicken. Ruby looks everywhere for him, but cannot find him. Max said that he did this to Ruby because he loves her. The pictures confirm the meaning that the author is portraying with written words. I would use this book for a read aloud with emergent readers. A lot of the words within the book are easy to pronounce and I think that an emergent reader would do good with this book. An issue that could be raised in this book is stealing, like when Max stole Ruby's chocolate chicken and ate it.

Nancy says

Well of course, you would not expect a bunny to have a chocolate rabbit - would you?

It is egg-hunting morning and Max and Ruby are out early wanting to win the grand prize of the chocolate chicken. Ruby explains that the person who finds the most eggs gets the chicken. Easy-peazy, or so it seems.

Why looks for eggs when there is so much more to see like mud puddles and acorns. As Ruby gathers eggs, Max finds spoons and ants.

Max still wants that chicken but has a plan that does not involve looking for eggs.

Not a very good plan and I am sure that parents will have a hard time explaining to their young children how

you can have a happily ever after ending when stealing is involved.

The illustrations are colorful and engaging, just not sure that the overall theme is something that most parents would want to read to their children.

Alana says

There's just something about Max's chocolate-smeared face that made me love this book as a kid. (Why oh why didn't I think of this book as an Easter present when my godson was younger?!) "Max, how could you do this to me?"

Something else to note! I read this book online for free at www.wegivebooks.org -- We Give Books is an organization (created by the Penguin Group and the Pearson Foundation) that allows you to read a book online and click to DONATE A BOOK FOR FREE to various worthwhile pre-designated recipients. You sign up for an account and can read all the books they have on offer, then click to donate. It costs absolutely nothing, you get to read a free book, and you get to help others read, too. Seriously, this is the definition of win-win.

Ashley says

Iconic. I use the phrase “‘I love you,’ said Max.” on a regular basis. A must-read.

Amanda Carr says

I feel like this book should be titled Max & Ruby's competition for a chocolate chicken in which Max's ADHD takes over. I found myself yelling at Max, “dude, stay focused!”

Kim says

sweet easter book

Keani Meier says

Little Max has his first Easter and the Easter bunny leaves a chocolate chicken. As he tries to grab it his sister Ruby's warns him that he can't have the chicken unless he finds the most eggs. While Ruby finds all the eggs Max finds other treasures. By the end Max steals the chicken and eats it for himself. How will Ruby deal with this fact.

I can use this book in a variety of ways

Have students to understand the commercialized version of Easter and get them the idea of the tradition of

Easter egg hunting in America.

Show children about the food pyramid how Max's favorite food is chocolate and how it is not the healthiest and understand how to eat balance diet. As well learn about everyone's favorite food.

Teach children about morals, how Ruby took advantage that Max was younger and unable find Easter eggs so she could get the chocolate chicken instead of sharing it from the start.

i don't like this books even though i have read it 20 times. the kids at my preschool really enjoy it.

Wells, R. (1989). Max's chocolate chicken. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers.

Heather says

I don't like Max. He's rude, disrespectful and in this book takes something that isn't his, EATS it and then never apologizes. It's all passed off as cute and funny. Stealing is not funny. It's not cute. Apologies and making things right are important. Getting off my soapbox now.

I'd give it one star, but my kids liked it. Argh. We had many long talks about Max's bad behavior, but I would rather have not read the book in the first place.

Will not be reading again. After several Max books with similar 'morals' I'm avoiding them all now.
