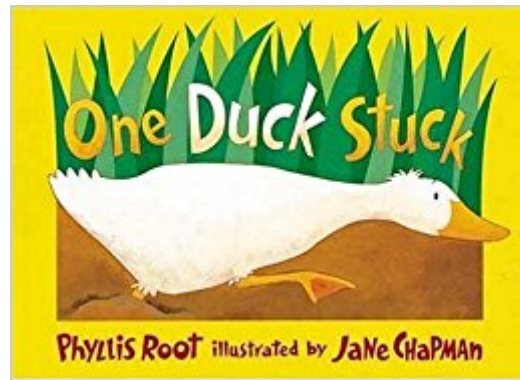


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# One Duck Stuck



## Synopsis

Exuberant rhythms and vibrant illustrations in a one-of-a-kind counting book! Can two fish, tails going swish, help? Will three moose, munching on spruce, be able to pull the unlucky duck out of the muck? Now perfectly sized for small hands, this counting rhyme is a feast of sounds and numbers that will have young listeners scrambling to join the slippy, sloppy fun!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

"Splish, clomp, pleep, plop, plunk, sloosh, slosh, slink, zing." Who can resist a read-aloud featuring sounds like these? When, "Down by the marsh, by the sleepy, slimy marsh, one duck gets stuck in the muck," who comes to the rescue? Two fish, splishing, for starters. Then three moose clomping, four crickets pleeping, and so on. Still, "No luck. Still stuck." It takes a whole lot of teamwork to get this particular stuck duck unstuck from the muck, but this cheerful bunch is definitely up to the task. From one duck to 10 dragonflies, the muddy fun never stops in Phyllis Root's chunky little board book. Young readers will giggle their way through the numbers, and by the time the duck's foot is released with a "Spluck!" counting will be a cinch. Jane Chapman's lush illustrations are full of marshy colors and muddy detail. The right side of each two-page spread shows the hapless duck earnestly waiting for liberation by its lively rescuers, while on the opposite side the featured number is printed, large and bold, over the text, and the splishers and ploppers are depicted again for easy

counting. Chapman's enchanting art is also found in *The Emperor's Egg*, among other titles, and Root's other popular stories include *Kiss the Cow!*. (Baby to preschool) --Emilie Coulter

Just as the title of this satisfying counting book says, there's one duck stuck (in the muck, as it turns out). Different groups of marshland creatures, from two fish to 10 dragonflies, appear with an offer of help. Each arrival is described with verbal relish: "Nine snakes/ leaving little wakes/ slither to the duck./ Slink, slink." However, no matter what the number or the species, the result is the same: the duck stays stuck. Root's (*Mrs. Potter's Pig*) wordplay finds an effective visual counterpart in Chapman's (*Dora's Eggs*) full-bleed gouaches. The illustrator revels in juxtaposing strong colors, so that the hues in her palette pop with a primary-like brightness. But the book does suffer from a major leap in logic: it's never clear how the animals tried to use their distinctive talents in their failed attempts to free the duck. When they all finally gather to effect a joint rescue effort, nothing happens except a recap of the funny noises they make; on the penultimate spread, the duck simply steps out of the goo with a "Spluck!" Will children wonder why the duck didn't extract itself earlier? Probably not. They'll be too enchanted by Chapman's vibrant pictures and the immensely satisfying sounds and rhythms of Root's text. Ages 2-5. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

So happy to find this book in the full version! We found it at the library once and have borrowed it many times since. It instantly became a favorite of ours. I decided to look for it for an Easter present for my 2 1/2 year old daughter, and it was hard to find the full version as opposed to the abridged board book version. Even when ordering on here there is really no exact way to tell if the paperback copy is the full version so I took a chance, and thank goodness I was right! The board book takes out a lot of the complicated language (which is what makes the book great). My toddler loves the full version and the words are so much more fun!

*One Duck Stuck* is a darling children's book -- that moms and dads will love, too! We checked this out of the library, and liked it so much we went to .com and bought 3! It's rhythmic verse is enchanting and the kids recite it like a song. The alliteration is clever, as well. The illustrations are colorful and alive! The whole book just draws you in and makes you want to read it over and over again. It's a feel-good, happy, sing-song little story the whole family will love.

This book is a favorite of both my kids. We first were introduced to this book at my son's early on

class. They read the book in a rhythmic tone and patted their leg so it sounded musical. Example: "One duck stuck in the muck \*pat pat\* no luck \*pat pat\* still stuck \*pat pat\*" My kids LOVE it and pat along to the rhythm with huge smiles on their faces.

This book is really cute! My duck loving toddler is very pleased with the duck, and gets a kick out of the different sound effects as the other animals try to help him. The illustrations and rhythm of the book are both fun.

The words to this book are extremely simple. However, both my children (3 and 7; 2 and 6 when purchased) LOVE looking for little duck hiding in the picture and counting the duck. If your child likes pointing things out in pictures and talking about the illustration more than sitting still for a long story, this is a perfect book for you! Now my 3 year old has the patience for traditional "seek and find" books, but this book was a great transition into that, as she only had to look for one thing (the duck) and it was hidden just enough to be engaging without being too difficult to find. Even now, as a bedtime story, I much prefer this to the traditional seek and find, which can keep my kids awake way long after story reading should have been finished! :)

Great item, if you child loves to hear a story or read it for themselves....It is one that my child likes me or my husband to read.

Something I discovered by accident is that the board book is a condensed version of a much better story. Find the full book, you won't be disappointed. The full book is much more fun to read and the story flows a bit better.

This book is so much fun. I started reading it to my grandchildren at about 18 months and now they can read it to me a year later. The illustrations are colorful and fun and keep the attention of the young ones. A great positive energy book and fun for adults to read as well.

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