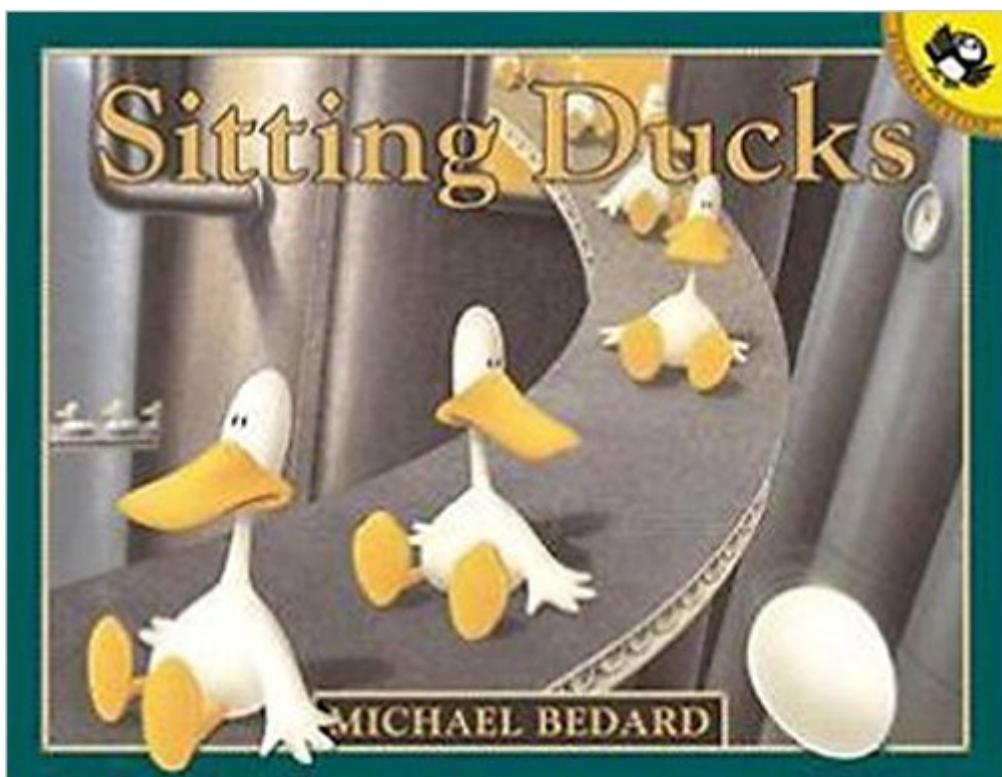


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## Sitting Ducks



## **Synopsis**

Day after day, brand new ducks roll off a giant assembly line operated by alligators at the Colossal Duck Factory. They are loaded into trucks and taken to Ducktown, where they are fattened up in preparation for their final destinationâ "into the stomachs of alligators. Everything proceeds smoothly, until the day one of the alligators decides to take a wayward duck home. Over time, the alligator grows fond of his future dinner. Can a duck and an alligator really be friends in an alligator-eat-duck world? Find out in this charming and humorous friendship story.

## **Book Information**

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

I agree that this book was written for adults as well as children. After seeing this in a local bookstore, I bought it, with the intention of putting it on my desk where I work. The story, in unambiguous terms, is about how an alligator befriends a helpless duck in a large New York-like metroplis populated by alligators. It is wonderfully illustrated, and the takeoff on Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks" is almost worth the price of the book alone. It's too bad that the book did not include a few paragraphs from the author which could have shared some of his ideas and experiences in producing "Sitting Ducks". The craftsmanship that went into the making of this book must have been very time-consuming. As a children's book, "Sitting Ducks" is truly a gem. Scholastic Press is to be commended for the publication of this creative effort.

I fell in love with the art work immediately. The animals in this book do not fall in the "cartoon" range, but take on lives of their own. The story is a little long for a young child, but anyone would treasure this unique story with it's humor and charm.

This is a wonderfully off-kilter kids' book that's not just for the diaper set. I gave it to my best friend as a gift, but it gets an airing whenever he substitute teaches at an elementary school. He's read it to his "kids" so often that they call him the "Sitting Ducks Man" now. Definitely a cute comment on friendship at any age.

My grandchildren love sitting ducks DVD so I had to buy this book for them , they love to read. They love this book and read it over and over as much as they love to watch the DVD episodes of the ducks !

I did not buy this book for my four-year-old son -- I bought it for me. Even though young readers will enjoy the story, I believe this book was written for adults. The story, and the accompanying hysterical illustrations, is unbelievably funny in such an understated fashion. (I particularly like the nod to Edward Hopper.) "Sitting Ducks" has become my new favorite children's book. I plan to buy it for all the birthdays coming up in my son's preschool class (but I'm really buying it for their parents). I can't wait for Michael Bedard's next book. I hope it's soon. P.S. (I originally bought the book only for the illustrations.)

The adorable ducks on the cover of "Sitting Ducks" caught my attention when I was perusing a local book store and I proceeded to sit down and finish the book right there. The enthralling story of the bond that forms between the duck and alligator completely made my day. The pictures themselves are worth the [\$], my personal favorite was looking at all of the ducks' expressions as they work out. I'd recommend it to anyone who wants to brighten their day with a great children's book.

This is a wonderful book that teaches how valuable friendship is no matter who you are or what you look like. The illustrations were stunning enough for me to pick this book up and buy it without even reading the story. I was then overjoyed once I got home and read it, to find what a true gem it actually was. I hope the duck and the alligator have more fun adventures that I can read and share with my children in the future.

When my little sister and I checked out this book from the local library, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. But it turns out that I was pleasantly surprised by the story. It's just a tiny bit scary, but not too scary. I think the artwork is wonderful and adds a lot to the story. The pictures are amusing, and the story is great. My sister and I really enjoyed this book, and I think you will too.

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