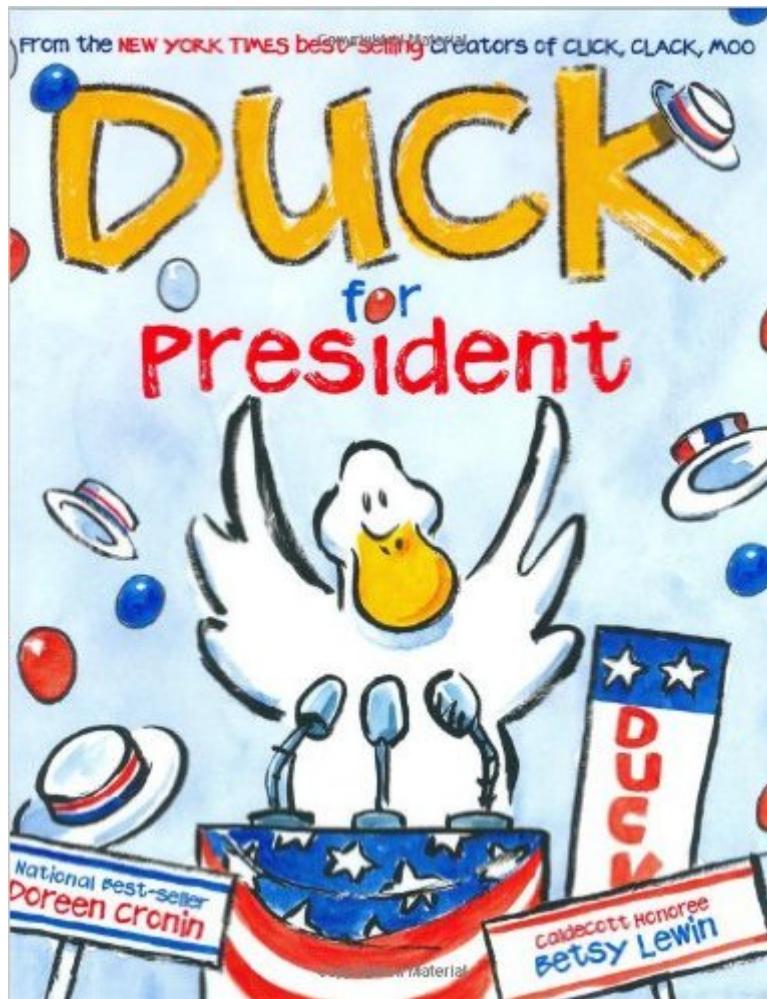


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Duck For President (New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Books (Awards))



Synopsis

My fellow Americans: It is our pleasure, our honor, our duty as citizens to present to you Duck for President. Here is a duck who began in a humble pond. Who worked his way to farmer. To governor. And now, perhaps, to the highest office in the land. Some say, if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck, he is a duck. We say, if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck, he will be the next president of the United States of America. Thank you for your vote.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Writing a satirical picture book is very hard work. Yet when author Doreen Cronin and her partner in crime illustrator Betsy Lewin wanted to write a coy clever encapsulation of politics for young `uns, they knew they had a character at their fingertips just itching to be used. Having first appeared in the duo's much loved, "Click, Clack, Moo", and risen to power in the subsequent, "Giggle, Giggle, Quack", Duck is a hero for our times. Now the famous fowl has set his sights on a goal worthy of his stature. He's running for president. When the book begins Duck is working at Farmer Brown's farm, doing the necessary chores. But this becomes tedious to Duck and he insists on holding an election. Farmer Brown is chagrined soon after to find that Duck beat him fair and square. Duck is pleased with his success, but he soon finds that running a farm is hard work. Very hard work. So,

without further ado, Duck runs for governor. Sporting placards that read, "I'm a duck, not a politician!", he visits small-town diners, marches in parades, and (my favorite line in the book), "gave speeches that only other ducks could understand". Duck beats the governor but finds that running a state is, you got it, "very hard work". So it's off to run for the presidency. You see where this is going. After making it into the White House duck finally finds that he still has to do a lot of work. A quick searching of the want ads reveal that Farmer Brown is looking for a good duck. The VP is placed in charge, duck returns to the farm, and the last shot we see of him is as he's writing out his memoirs. This is probably my favorite book out of all the Cronin/Lewin concoctions. Kids will be amused by duck's antics and the silly ways in which he rises to power.

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