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Everyone knows that tyrannosaurus are big and scary, so when a placid duckbill dinosaur's egg ends up in the wrong nest confusion is sure to ensue. When the baby dinosaur hatches out, he's so out of place that his grisly big sisters call him Tyrannosaurus Drip.

Tyrannosaurus Drip Details

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Ingrid Sawubona says

Julia Donaldson is undoubtedly one of my favorite authors, and in this highly entertaining dino-spin on the "ugly duckling" tale, a water-dwelling, vegetarian duckbill dinosaur gets a chance to find out where he truly belongs when he stands up against T-Rex bullies.

The rhyme scheme of the poem is engaging and the illustrations by David Roberts are really interesting and different from many others of Donaldson's books, but I nevertheless found the book charming and delightful without being preachy.

This might not be a book that you might initially feel drawn to, so you'll need to read it more than once to get all the subtle nuances. But you'll like it! A lot!

Trelawn says

This was brilliant and at times really funny, mostly because I didn't read this one which is just as well because at points it borders on tongue twister. More Julia Donaldson fun, this time for dinosaur fans. The little guy loved it.

Becky Allen says

Interesting story to use in a class. Would be fun to work on in a playful way with children, as well as a good discussion for themes of family, friends, fitting in and getting along.

Great rhyming - well written by Donaldson as you'd expect. Lovely illustrations too. Sweet book and story.

Katy says

I like the art in this, but I can't stand reading stories to kids where a group is portrayed as simply "bad" and then is somehow punished. I always feel like it doesn't send a realistic or very positive message.

Dolly says

This is an interesting dinosaur tale, reminiscent of The Ugly Duckling. With its dinosaur theme, colorful illustrations and rhyming narrative it's sure to be highly entertaining for children. We enjoyed reading this book together.

Angela says

LOVE Julia Donaldson. Such a talented writer. My kids will read this book (and her other books) over and over without getting bored.

Keeley says

This book is so fun and the rhymes are really cute and funny. I absolutely love the illustrations in this book! I am huge on illustrations in childrens books and these do not disappoint. It is a perfect book for children who love dinosaurs and rhyming books.

Rosie Potter says

A lovely story about finding out where you truly belong, as well as standing up to bullies! Poor Tyrannosaurus Drip gets bullied by his parents and him siblings for not being mean or fierce enough, and so he runs away to find where he really belongs. When he finds his true family, he learns why he is the way he is, and ends up standing up to his other family when they come to attack! Another nice thing about this book is that, in a way typical of Julia Donaldson, the littlest one saves the day! The illustrations by David Roberts are really interesting and different from many others of Donaldson's books, and as such would be really interesting to explore as a class. Each page has lots of hidden details, that you won't catch on the first read! It would be a nice book to read as a class, and would be advisable for KS1 and EYFS.

Danie Cutter says

Good strong Donaldson although not quite up to the standard of her best. Plus little miss would like to point out that TRex only has two fingers!

The Library Lady says

Okay, she got me--I really liked it.

A cute twist on "The Ugly Duckling" AND dinosaurs. I bought 2 copies and I know they are going to get well worn.

Kathleen Dixon says

Not all of Julia Donaldson's books are inspired, but they're certainly all very good. This one comes into the former category in my opinion, because it does an excellent job of talking about bullies (i.e. the tyrannosaurus family) getting their karmic come-uppance, all within a cute rhyming story. I often find Donaldson's books a little too cute or a little too bright or something that doesn't quite appeal to me, but in

this one the illustrations get top marks - as the symbolism of muted blue tones for the duckbill dinosaurs and red for the predators sits nicely with the underlying message.

The grandchildren really enjoyed this book too!

Kutas Zsuzsa says

It is a great children's book! My 3,5 year old boy really liked it and wants me to read it to him over and over again :)) interesting and funny with a lot of hard word, I had to stop and explain the meaning, Oh I really like to teach something new to my little prince!

Kathryn says

Highly entertaining dino-spin on the "Ugly Duckling" tale, this story features the placid, water-dwelling, vegetarian duckbill dinosaurs and the mean, meat-eating, sinister T-Rex dinosaurs (cliched, yes, but oh well) who wish they could cross the river to eat the duckbills. When a hungry Compy steals a duckbill egg and accidentally drops it near the T-Rex nest, confusion and much angst ensues. In the end, the poor little "Tyrannosaurus Drip" gets a chance to prove himself to his true family and become a hero. The illustrations are fun and the rhyme scheme is engaging. I think children who like dinosaurs will really enjoy the tale, especially if they are already familiar with "The Ugly Duckling" and are "in the know" on where this story is headed.

Mehsi says

I had expected something totally different from this book. I can't say what, as that would spoil the book, and for such a short review I don't feel like spoiler-tagging stuff. I was hoping for one ending, but I got a totally weird and not even close to what I wanted ending. An ending I didn't see coming.

I also had expected something to happen when our little dinosaur found his real family. I had a lot of expectations and none of them were met. The book was mostly boring, T-rexes are angry, carnivorous dinosaurs and nothing will change them from that. The Duckbill dinosaurs were just boring and didn't do much. They only cared for water and eating weeds, nothing more. At one point I was even cheering for the T-rexes, because at least they showed emotion and had a goal.

The little Duckbill was interesting, but I found him a bit too boring and too easily seen as some kind of hero.

The chanting got a bit boring, one time or two times is nice, but almost every other page with the chanting? No, no thank you.

The art was really nice and that is why this book gets a 3 stars instead of the planned 2 stars.

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Lynn Davidson says

Duckbill dinosaurs and tyrannosaurus dinosaurs liked different things. In fact, tyrannosaurus liked to eat duckbill dinosaurs. One day a duckbill egg rolls into a tyrannosaurus nest. What happens is unexpected, funny, and told in great rhyme and illustrations.
