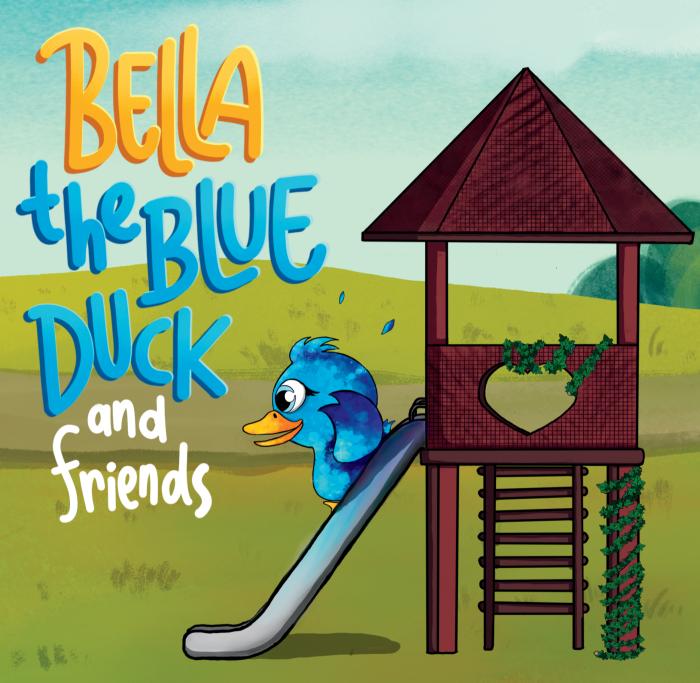
## JOIN BELLA, THE BLUE DUCK AND FRIENDS IN THE PARK

Join Bella, the Blue duck and her friends, Jack, Sue, Pranit and Shay as they play in the park in this fun, rhyming, tale of friendship and how being different is okay.

A Blue duck? "Oh goodness me!" Can you identify the colors of each of Bella's friends?





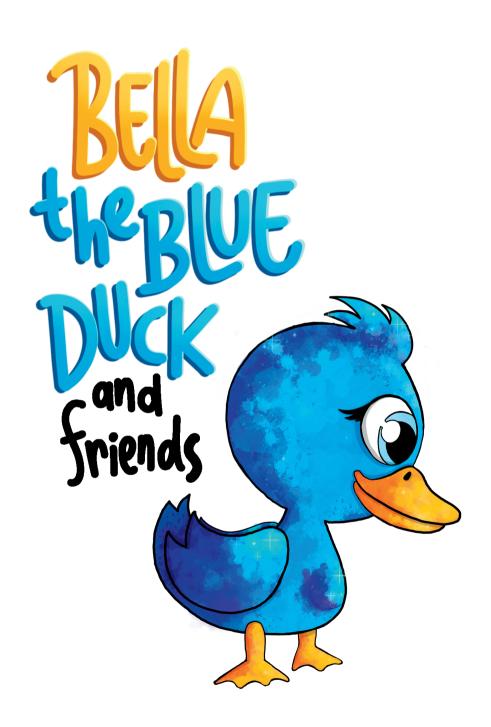
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Welcome to the world of Bella, the blue duck and friends.

This book can be read as a fun rhyming story. You can read it to your child just for fun. You may also wish to use the book to look at different colors. As you read the color word, you might wish to point to the character and explore the different shades.

This book also has an underlying theme of celebrating diversity. If you feel it appropriate, you can discuss with your child how each character is different. A blue duck.... a pink cow. Those are not the colors we might expect for those animals. Is it ok to be different? Hopefully, the answer is yes.

You might also discuss that Bella is friends with others that are different to her and explain how that is part of the fabric of modern life and that what should be important is not how others are different, but whether that is a good criterion to judge someone on.

In this book, Bella has decided that what's most important to her is that her friends are kind, not that they are different.

Make sure to firstly enjoy this fun story. Use it for that purpose only, or use it for helping to learn color words, or investigate shades of color, or its celebration of diversity or all of these reasons. You can revisit the story with a different lens as your child grows older.

Have fun.





This is Bella, a duck, you can see



Bella is blue, "Oh goodness me!"