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Blue Chicken



Synopsis

In this deceptively simple picture book, author-illustrator Deborah Freedman has created an irresistible character that springs to life and wreaks havoc in a farmyard with a pot of blue paint. The innocent chicken just wants to help, but things get worse and worse-and bluer and bluer--the more she tries. Playing with colors and perspective, and using minimal text, this richly layered story reveals new things to see and laugh about with each reading.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

"Breathtakingly beautiful meta-illustrations will draw many eyes to this tale of a curious chicken who spills some paint... Delicate and durable, visually sophisticated yet friendly: simply exquisite." - Kirkus Reviews, starred review
"Full of surprise and emotion... The book has much to pore over on every page, and children will want to experience the action over and over again." - School Library Journal, starred review
"The spare, poetic text allows the images to shine... this delightful treat emphasizes the joy of breaking free of conventional boundaries and turning accidents into art." - Booklist, starred review
"While the artist is away, the chickens will indeed play, and Deborah Freedman has captured their antics in this book overflowing with joyful fun." - BookPage... all will appreciate the sheer joy of a book that celebrates color and innocent

mischief." - Horn Book Magazine Breathtakingly beautiful meta-illustrations will draw many eyes to this tale of a curious chicken who spills some paint. "This picture is almost finished," narrates an unseen artist whose life-size pencil and brush lie across a barnyard drawing with cow, chicken coop and wheelbarrow softly shaded and colored but a barn only outlined. "his day is perfect for painting the barn. / But wait. Does one of the chickens want to help?" A small white chicken patters out from the coop onto the blank white background, climbing up onto the edge of a paint pot-and tipping it over. Blue paint flows down the page, splattering on finished and unfinished bits of the original picture. It floods onto pansies, chicks and the cow, whose "moo wakes the chickens. They're peevish and blue." Irritated blue chickens give chase across not all-blue spreads; the original chicken who "just wanted to .../HELP!" is intimidated and "sincerely sorry." Watercolor washes and splashes, from pale blue to dark, create wonderful, wet patterns; their liquid edges contrast alluringly with fine pencil lines and shadings. Resourcefully, the chicken tips out the artist's brush-rinsing water jar, drenching and cleansing this world back into neatness. But is that the artist at the end, painting a real barn outdoors while something hilarious happens indoors in her studio? Delicate and durable, visually sophisticated yet friendly: simply exquisite. (picture book 3-7) Kirkus Reviews 15 August 2011

All this chicken wants to do his help. But when she spills a pot of blue paint, the other animals sure don't find her helpful. And things only get worse - and more and more blue - the harder she tries. Poor chicken! Can anything undo the blue? Playing with colors and perspective and using minimal text, Deborah Freedman's delightful Blue Chicken is a picture book that refuses to stay inside the lines.

Fun story enjoyed by my twin nephews. Lots of point and name that item moments. Thoroughly enjoyed.

One of our favorites. Easy to follow book that uses some great vocabulary! Found my 2 year old saying he was "sincerely" sorry!

"It's funny and pretty. I like the most is the chicken because it's so funny. I never see a blue chicken spilled the blue in the body." - Alice Fichman Thai Trang Ngoc, 6 years old

I absolutely adore this book! My 2.5 year old does too, she knows at least 1/2 the words. The

illustrations are fantastic and the story is cute and thoughtful.

Beautiful and creative illustrations keep reader engaged in this delightful story with imaginative artistry. A true work of art. Brilliant.

Book is a favorite at our house. Love the creative drawings. Arrived in great condition.

A favorite of my grandchildren!!!

I liked the story and thought it was entertaining for young toddlers and preschool children., I feel that it would be an easy story for beginning readers as well as the ones who just like the pictures.

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