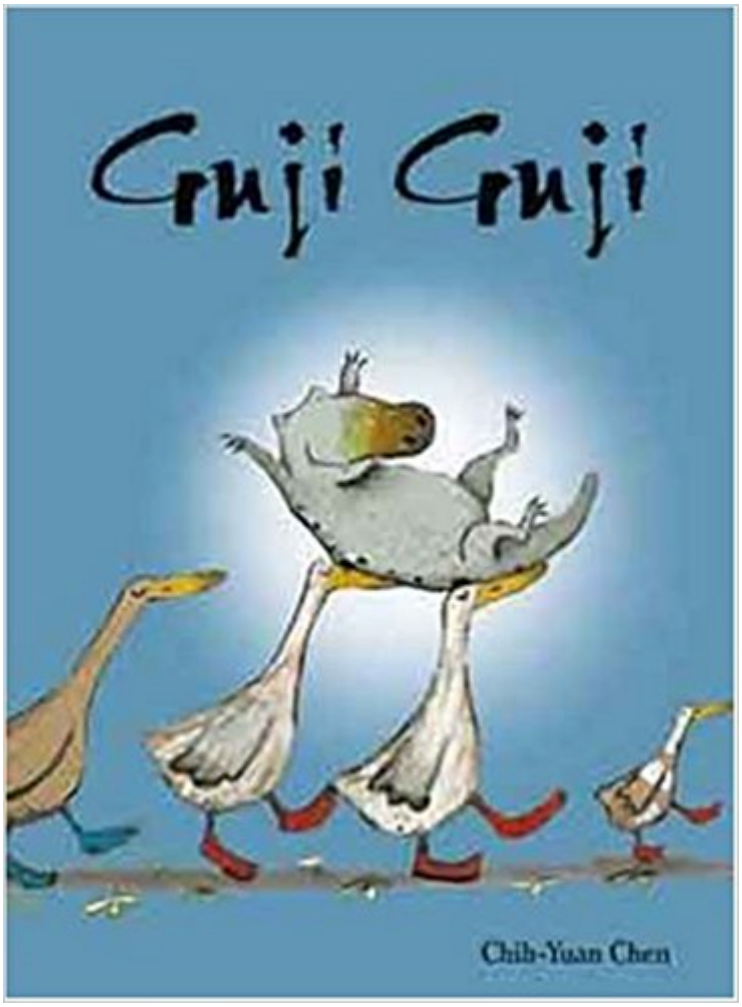
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Synopsis

Guji Guji is just your ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill duck...um, crocodile...um, duck... In this engaging story about identity, loyalty and what it really means to be a family, Guji, Guji makes some pretty big decisions about who he is, what he is, and what it all means, anyway.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 3Ã¢â ¬â œOne day, an extra-large egg rolls right into Mother Duck's nest. She is busy reading and doesn't notice the new addition, but this lucky event will change her life. Her hatchlings include a yellow duckling; one with blue spots; another with brown stripes; and a rather unusual, crocodile-shaped youngster, named after his first words. Guji Guji grows bigger and stronger than his siblings (and more crocodilelike), but Mother loves all her offspring the same. When three duck-hungry crocodiles make fun of Guji Guji's ways and try to tempt him into betraying his family, he is put to the test. This beautifully written story has much to say about appreciating families and differences, and it will resonate with children long after the final page is turned. Chen's unique illustrations are compelling, down to the beautiful silhouette endpapers. The rich blues and earth tones and dramatic page layouts create moving scenes, but the quirky details and characters' expressions are hilarious. This charming spin on the ugly duckling theme is a must-have for any collection.Ã¢â ¬â œJulie Roach, Malden Public Library, MA Copyright

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"Chen’s vivid characters -- the exuberantly befuddled ’’crocoduck’’ and his adopted family, the riotously creepy crocodiles that loom like shadows -- are rendered with wit and warmth...Love overcomes all differences here, and Guji Guji’s antics are laugh-out-loud adorable." --- The New York Times Book Review"This beautifully written story has much to say about appreciating families and differences, and it will resonate with children long after the final page is turned...a must-have for any collection." --- School Library Journal (Starred Review)"...Muted ink-and-wash drawings of gray and brown makes this picture book look like an old classic...Chen’s story of love, acceptance and self-discovery gives every sign of becoming a well-worn favorite." --- Publishers Weekly

This was one of the first books I would read to my granddaughter! She loved it and in no time at all had it pretty much memorized and would correct me whenever I deviated! Unfortunately it was lost during a move so I got this one. By that time it was out of print and only a used one was available....complete with crayon scribbles throughout which was NOT mentioned in the sales pitch! Initially I was upset but decided to give it to her anyway. She’s now 14 and I recently asked her what she thought of the book even though it had scribbles in it She said sheSTILL LOVED it! Said that added to the character of the book! Who Knew?

I seem to only review our favorite books. This is no doubt one of them. As another reviewer pointed out, the book seems to have been inspired by an adoption story but that’s not its trademark lesson. That bit of information is gleaned from the dust jacket bio but not as easily from the story itself. Our family’s take has always been a lesson about peer pressure, values, and that self definition comes from within. Guji s a crocodile, but not all crocodiles eat ducks.

Love this book! I’ve brought 4-5 copies to give as gifts.

Storyonline.net has a great read along for this book. One of my favorites to show in class!

Great condition great value

One of my favorite children’s books and one that kids ask for over and over.

So, here’s this crocodile mixed up in a duck’s nest. You know this can’t end well - crocodiles! They eat ducks!Of course, Guji Guji, although more ruthless than the average duck, is not ready to eat his family, so it all turns out to have a nice pat ending anyway with a minimum of carnage.I did find the resolution a little too fast... and maybe somewhat overdone. Why throw rocks on the crocs? Why not just... not show up to where they were waiting?

Highly recommended to children from preschool to grade school. My 3-year-old loves it and memorizes a lot of the sentences (from the original Chinese version). I decided to buy one (English version) for the k-5 school library so other kids can also enjoy it.

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