

One Little Duck

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SYNOPSIS

*One little duck went out one day,
over the hills and far away.*

Mother Duck said . . .

'Moo Moo Moo Moo,'

and Cow said, 'Wait! Now I'm coming too.'

Oh no, Mother Duck has forgotten how to quack!

Every day she tries a new barnyard call, and every night Little Duck returns with a new farm friend.

A fun twist on the song 'Five Little Ducks', this delightful story from the award-winning duo Katrina Germein and Danny Snell is destined to become a modern classic.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Katrina Germein is a bestselling picture book author whose books have been published around the world. Popular titles include *Big Rain Coming* and *My Dad Thinks He's Funny*, which was Highly Commended in the Prime Minister's Literary Awards. In 2019 Katrina received a Speech Pathology Book of the Year Award for *Let's Go Strolling*. Many of her other stories are CBCA Notable Books. Katrina is an ambassador for Raising Literacy Australia, a Books in Homes Role Model and a Premier's Reading Challenge Ambassador. She has an energetic dog named Mango and summer is her favourite season.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Danny Snell has been working as an illustrator for over 20 years and in that time has illustrated over a dozen children's picture books. Working in a variety of media and with a focus on simple compositions, he brings a gentle whimsy to his book characters and settings. Danny's books have won a number of awards over the years including the 2014 CBCA Eve Pownall Award for *Jeremy*. His first book as both author and illustrator was *Seagull*, which in 2016 won the Wilderness Society Environment Award for Children's Literature. And more recently, *Little Chicken Chickabee*, was a 2017 CBCA Notable. Danny's most recent book is *Ozzie Goes to School* by Jocelyn Crabb. He lives in Adelaide with his partner and two daughters.

Learn more about Danny at dannysnell.com.

STUDY NOTES

- Have a look at the cover and identify as many animals as you can.
- This story is based on the commonly known nursery rhyme 'Five Little Ducks'. Ask students if they know this song.
 - Learn 'Five Little Ducks' as a class.
- Based on the animals on the cover, the title of the book and the nursery rhyme it's based on, what do students think might happen in the story?
- Discuss rhyme with the class.
 - What words in the story rhyme?
 - What is the rhyme scheme of the story?
- Explain onomatopoeia to the class.
 - Ask students to identify all the examples of onomatopoeia in the story.
 - What other animals do students think could have joined the friends, and what noises might they have made?
- Have a look at each spread where Mother Duck calls to a new animal. Each time this spread is set out the same way.
 - How is each spread set out?
 - What changes in each spread?
 - What do these changes tell us about what's happening?