

It's Spring (don't mind the weather – just think positive thoughts) and Spring always brings Easter. Now we start to look for books with ducklings and rabbits and chicks. Here are a few that will bring a smile to your face and make you want to read again and again.

Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! By Candace Fleming is an update on the old Peter Rabbit story. These rabbits are trying to get into the garden no matter how hard Mr. McGreely tries to keep them out. You will have your listeners shouting out the repeating lines with glee and when you get to the ending, everyone will have a smile.



Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens starts out fun before you begin. The book is read with the spine at the top. Then as the story unfolds, the color illustrations fill two pages. You will enjoy how rabbit tricks bear every year by what he plants in his garden. The illustrations are amazing and each time you read, you will be able to find another new detail.



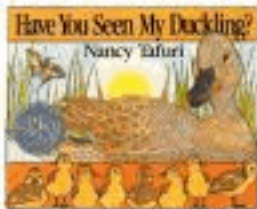
Don't let the fact that the next book is really a play within a play discourage you, **Who's in Rabbit's house?** : a Masai tale retold by Verna Aardema ; pictures by Leo and Diane Dillon, brings you into the story with the first line. Rabbit is so worried about how to get the unknown intruder out of his house, but who is it! The imagination runs wild.





If you are in the mood for a great duck story, don't pass up the series by Doreen Cronin. **Thump, Quack, Moo** is the newest adventure of Duck and Farmer Brown. The art work is expressive, which is what you need to enjoy the expressions of all the animals as they work with (and against) Farmer Brown. Duck is always working on a project that is a surprise in the end.

Tad Hills has created several books about **Duck & Goose**. In this book both duck and they think is a huge egg. who will hatch the 'egg' chick will be like. Will they are sitting on? How will it friendship.



Have you seen my duckling? By Nancy Tafuri, Is a Caldecott Honor winner, so you know the illustrations will be wonderful. Children will enjoy the hidden duckling in each picture as the mother searches for the one she thinks is lost. It is a warm and wonderful story.



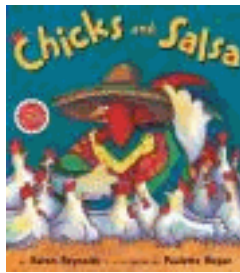
Jan Brett has created a host of wonderful stories and this one does not disappoint. Daisy the chicken is picked on by the other 5 hens and finally goes off by herself down by the river. The water rises and the adventure begins down the Li River with dogs, water buffalo and monkeys. An exciting story all ages will enjoy.



Don't Count Your Chicks by Ingri d'Aulaire is a classic story written in 1943, but the old adage Aaron still holds true. The woman in the story begins to plan all the things she can do with the eggs she plans to sell. Will she make it to the market? These old fashioned illustrations will draw you

right in to this wise lesson.

What happens when the chickens in the farmyard get tired of eating the same old chicken feed? **Chicks and Salsa** by Aaron Reynolds tells the story of a clever rooster who finds some wonderful things in the farmer's garden. Could it be a FIESTA! What happens when the Dance along with this fun little story.



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What chicken collection would be complete without the story of the Little Red Hen! This story puts a little spin to the old tale as Rooster gets out a recipe from his famous great-grandmother the Little Red Hen and asks his friends, Turtle Iguana and Pig to help. **Cook-a-doodle-doo!** by Janet Stevens has some fun repeating lines, great illustrations and as a bonus, the real recipe is included! Have fun sharing this almost classic.

