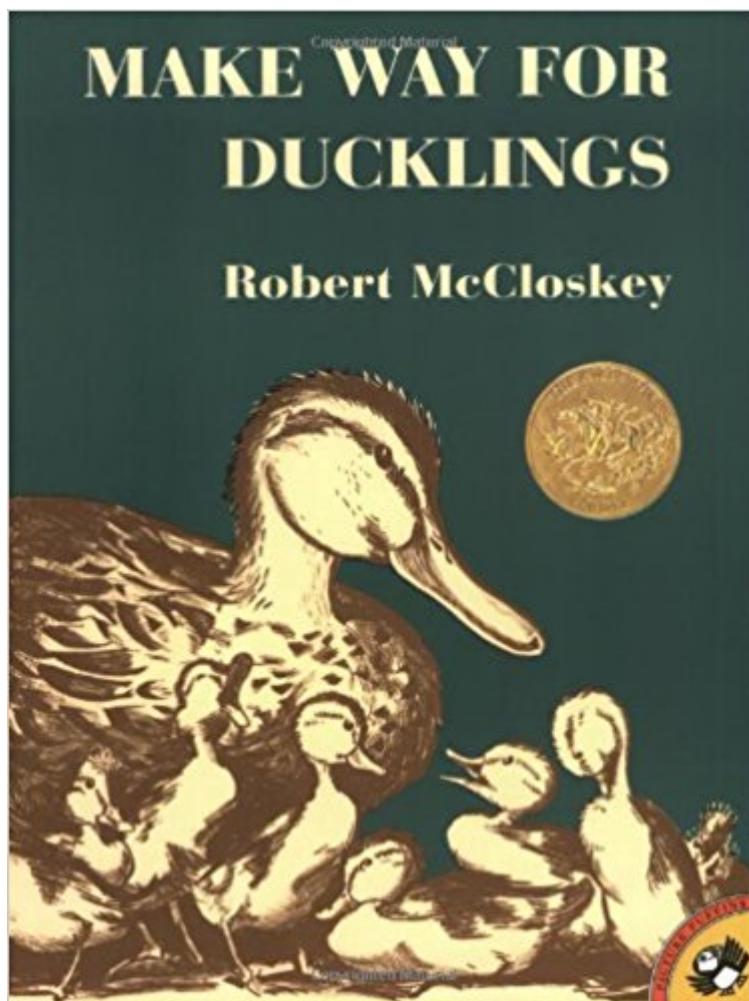


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Make Way For Ducklings



Synopsis

"Robert McCloskey's unusual and stunning pictures have long been a delight for their fun as well as their spirit of place." *The Horn Book* Mrs. Mallard was sure that the pond in the Boston Public Gardens would be a perfect place for her and her eight ducklings to live. The problem was how to get them there through the busy streets of Boston. But with a little help from the Boston police, Mrs. Mallard and Jack, Kack, Lack, Nack, Ouack, Pack, and Quack arrive safely at their new home. This brilliantly illustrated, amusingly observed tale of Mallards on the move has won the hearts of generations of readers. Awarded the Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children in 1941, it has since become a favorite of millions. This classic tale of the famous Mallard ducks of Boston is available for the first time in a full-sized paperback edition. *Make Way for Ducklings* has been described as "one of the merriest picture books ever" (*The New York Times*). Ideal for reading aloud, this book deserves a place of honor on every child's bookshelf. "This delightful picture book captures the humor and beauty of one special duckling family. ... McClosky's illustrations are brilliant and filled with humor. The details of the ducklings, along with the popular sights of Boston, come across wonderfully. The image of the entire family proudly walking in line is a classic." *The Barnes & Noble Review* "The quaint story of the mallard family's search for the perfect place to hatch ducklings. ... For more than fifty years kids have been entertained by this warm and wonderful story." *Children's Literature*

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Customer Reviews

It's not easy for duck parents to find a safe place to bring up their ducklings, but during a rest stop in Boston's Public Garden, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard think they just might have found the perfect spot--no foxes or turtles in sight, plenty of peanuts from pleasant passers-by, and the benevolent instincts of a kindly police officer to boot. Young readers will love the mother duck's proud, loving protection of her wee webbed ones, and those with fond memories of Boston will enjoy familiar locales, from Beacon Hill to Louisburg Square, and over the Charles River--often from a duck's-eye view. Robert McCloskey, creator of Blueberries for Sal, never fails to elicit happy story-time giggles from youngsters, and his soft, brown-toned, Caldecott-winning illustrations make this gentle world come alive. (Ages 3 to 8) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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A delightful introduction to duck behavior from egg to adult. Anyone who lives in or wants to visit Boston will appreciate the 1940s vision of ducks living between the Charles River and the Boston Public Gardens. McCloskey was an author/illustrator who brought a special gentleness and humor to his work for children. Every child and parent should read his books again and again: Make Way For Ducklings, Blueberries for Sal, A Time of Wonder, One Morning in Maine, are books that build appreciation for nature and human relationships. I had a bizarre experience of driving in northeastern Massachusetts one summer day when I had to stop on a road near a lake to let a family of ducks cross. Of course, I thought of Make Way for Ducklings. That is not all that unusual where ducks spend their summers. What happened next was that NPR sadly announced the death of Robert McCloskey. I am not superstitious, however that was one amazing, touching coincidence.

This is a classic children's book; should be on the reading list of every child between the ages of 4 to 8, especially if they live within a half day's travel to Boston Public Gardens. I ordered this cassette recording of the story for a fan of "retro" lit, books, and technology. Seller's representaion of the item

was accurate, price was competitively fair and shipping was timely. I'd shop with this seller again.

This book is awesome and I am so glad I bought it for my nephew. Everyone should have an appreciation for ducks. The beautiful illustrations and lovely story line are unforgettable. Note, the illustrations are monochrome, with is less exciting to some children who prefer colors, but the artwork is stunning and inspiring to anyone who can appreciate it. My little nephew and niece love this book.

"Make Way for Ducklings" should be gifted to every baby by its fairy godparents. I remember having it read to me when I was little and the clothes & cars of the illustrations were contemporary. I read it to my sons, who loved the story of Mr and Mrs Mallard---that careful and competent mother of eight---and the compassionate policemen who stopped traffic right by the Boston Commons. I ordered a copy from a few weeks ago for my great-granddaughter, loving it just as much as ever. Why does the book---the story and the illustrations---hold up so well over so many years and generations? The story tells of a kindly world, such as would make a child feel secure, warm, and happy: the loving parent ducks, the island in the lake of the great park where the swanboats still glide, and the police who care enough about little ones to stop traffic so Mrs Duck can lead her small family across the streets and into their new home in the park. The story tells also about a city, Boston, with the old squares, the state house, details from which the reader can take off with more stories for the little ones nestled close. And the illustrations in brown crayon (I think) are magical, individuating the ducklings, catching the quirkiness of the good citizens of Boston, bringing to our today the life of one spring day long long ago. May you and your next generations delight in "Make Way for Ducklings" too!

Super cute book for kids about boston. I love it, my daughter loves it, and my son will love it too when he is older. If you love Boston and have kids, you need this book. EVEN if you DON'T have kids, I think you will love this book

I'm 58 and fondly remember growing up in Mass and going to Boston Common to ride swan boats and feed ducks every summer. I have continued this tradition with my daughter every year when we visit as part of our ritual. This book was a favorite classic from my childhood, was given to my daughter as a gift when she was a baby. We continue to pass along this classic to friends as a baby gift.

Classic children's book and lovely story that takes you through Boston. We bought this book as a gift for the children of a couple of our out of town friends.

Impossible to adequately praise this classic. No child should be without this in their library.

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