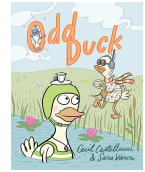


ODD DUCK – READING GROUP GUIDE



About the Book:

Theodora is a perfectly normal duck. She may swim with a teacup balanced on her head and stay north when the rest of the ducks fly south for the winter, but there's nothing so odd about that. Chad, on the other hand, is one strange bird. Theodora quite likes him, but she can't overlook his odd habits. It's a good thing Chad has a normal friend like Theodora to set a good example for him. But who exactly is the odd duck here? Theodora may not like the answer.

For Discussion:

Theodora isn't like the other ducks. Is this good or bad? Or neither?

One of Theodora's favorite things to do is to take out old books like *A History of Good Ducks*, *Duck Mysteries*, *Duck Space Stories*, and *Duck Romances* from the library. What are some of your favorite books to take out from the library?

In the beginning we learn that "Theodora Duck liked to be alone". Are you like Theodora? Are there times when you want to be alone, and other times when you want to be around people?

What do you think of Theodora's nighttime routine? Is it interesting or strange? Do you have a nighttime routine?

Why is Theodora certain she and Chad would never be friends? Is it okay to be friends with someone that is different from you?

Why do you think Theodora decides not to join the other ducks to fly south each year? What is stopping her?

Are you more like Theodora, or more like Chad?

Why do Theodora and Chad fight if they are best friends? Is it okay to fight with a best friend?

What are some things you consider "odd"? Why are Theodora and Chad considered "Odd Ducks"?

What does Theodora learn about friendship by being friends with Chad?