

Reviews for THE DISCOVERY OF DUCK NATION by David Driscoll

1. This was the first book I've read from David Driscoll, but it won't be the last. We loved it! My children and I really enjoyed David Driscoll's storytelling abilities and the style of writing he uses—the distinctive 'voice' that is so fun and children can easily relate to. It is so simple and easy to read, but each sentence and page packs so much energy and imagery that you really get a bang for your buck. Wonderful drawings and a positive message of friendship. Recommend for ages 3-8. Happy to see Mr. Driscoll has other books out, Can't wait to read them too! (5 stars) *Jenna Brewster – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
2. When I read picture books with my son, it seems often we like the illustrations and the text isn't that entertaining, or we like the story, but the pictures are lacking. But we enjoyed how seamlessly everything flowed in "The Discovery of Duck Nation" by David Driscoll. We enjoyed the imaginative characters of the berries, and thought the ducks were just delightful. Perfect blend of mystery, fun, adventure, and friendship. A must read for picture book readers. (4-5 stars) *Carla Biggins – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
3. David Driscoll has an incredible way with characters. His descriptions are vivid yet not overdone; you see what the characters are seeing, you feel what they are feeling; you feel like you are there. I felt like I was experiencing what they were. The ending is good, and we thought the illustrations were terrific! Really helped to bring the adventures Blackberry, Blueberry, and the adorable ducks of Duck Nation to life! Hope there are more like this in the works... my 5-yr-old loved it! (5 stars) *Brenda Maxwell – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
4. For young reader picture books, author voice is almost everything, and it will make or break a child's enjoyment of it. They need to hear originality and know that the author is not trying to sound or write like someone else, but is telling the story in a whole new way, whatever that story may be in an engaging, authentic manner. Kids can smell a fake a mile away, and believe me I've read my fair share of books from authors who "try" to have the voice and personality, but fail. "The Discovery of Duck Nation" delivers on all accounts in an impressive way. Very creative, charming, and great energy. The storylines were simple and matched the pictures. Has a nice hook and a sweet moral at the end. A great read, and will be looking for the next one from Mr. Driscoll. Recommend for ages 3 and up through adults (hey, I liked it too!). (5 stars) *Steph Coleman – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

5. I loved this book! I thought it was great. So easy to get into right off the bat, and I really liked David Driscoll's writing style. The story flowed nicely, and you are pulled right into the action and world building of the fun "Berries" – "Blueberry and Blackberry" the main characters, right from the opening pages. They discover a mystery and find out there are magical ducks on an island. They go to investigate and then run away... but then they save a runaway duck and return to the island where everyone becomes friends. The story is told through the POV of the Berries as if they are human (same with the ducks). We were hooked from beginning to end and liked all the characters and the way the story played itself out. I'd love to read more from this author in the future. Great pictures too! (5 stars) *Nicole Hastings – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
6. "The Discovery of Duck Nation" is a fun, fast read that is sure to delight! Really interesting and draws you in right away. I love the idea of a Berries (Strawberry, Raspberry, Blueberry, Blackberry) who can talk and is the star of the show, and the ducks are so cute! And so original! Love that the leader is pink :-). We enjoyed the drawings and it's excellently edited, too! I think the author is onto something special here and it will be fun to see where he takes us next – the possibilities seem endless! (4-5 stars) *Jhonni Parker – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
7. "The Discovery of Duck Nation" by David Driscoll is a fantastically- written and creative book that is aimed at the young readers, and they will love sinking their teeth into this one! It stands out to me in terms of originality, even if some elements are familiar. Mr. Driscoll has his own unique voice and writing style that makes it feel fresh and exciting. I definitely enjoyed the personality of Blackberry and Blueberry, and the creativity of the whole story. The story flows from scene to scene effortlessly, and the author shows exceptional ability when it comes to storytelling. Recommend! (4 stars) *Darla Ortiz – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
8. I read this book to my kids to see what they would think of it, and I received very good feedback. They loved the story and the illustrations. This book was short enough to hold their attention, but long enough for it to be a bed time story. They loved the Berries and the Ducks, and they definitely got excited over the adventure. We will be reading more of these books from David Driscoll and hope he continues on writing stories like these. Would like to see more adventures from the Berries! (4 stars) *Layla Messing – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

9. What a wonderful story for those little ones in your life! Great for bedtime stories, or anytime, really. I like that it teaches children about compassion and caring, and helping others and solving mysteries. And it is also fun (and funny!). This book is sure to warm your heart at the end. Very enjoyable with lovely drawings to accompany the text and most highly recommended. Ready for more! (5 stars) *Megan King – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

10. This book was a really fun and cute book about a pair of friends who are berries (Blackberry and Blueberry), and they stumble upon a Nation of Ducks who live on an island, including some very creative and fun ones! The ducks come from all over and it is so sweet how they are included on the island. Great storyline and the younger children will certainly enjoy having this book read to them and looking at the lively, colorful pictures. Great plot and a satisfying ending. (4 stars) *Laura Clarke – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

11. First off, I have to say how happy I am that this is a great book that my children enjoyed that wasn't all rhyming! Usually that is all the younger ones want to hear, but I suppose the adorable pictures and action-packed storyline of some cute berries and the wonderful ducks they encounter. The fast pace and lively drawings helped to keep them interested, and they certainly loved the ending. (4 stars) *Gillian Hancock – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

12. I gave this book a well-deserved 5 stars for 3 reasons. I am an animal lover and I will read all books about any animals if possible. I appreciate the author's unique take on making this one more special, and not just being 'about' ducks, but actually giving them personality. This is the first I've read that is done this way and I love it! And then tying a plot neatly around it so that it makes sense and is actually interesting. 2nd is small children will like it because they enjoy animal stories, and having fruit (Blackberry and Blueberry) be main characters is something I've never seen done before – and it is so cute! And 3rd is because it is a good story that tells a positive message in a sweet, uplifting way. Thank you to the author for putting these all up together. Every child should have this book, and older readers will enjoy it too. (5 stars) *Eliza Brown – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

13. “The Discovery of Duck Nation” by David Driscoll is such a cute story! And the illustrations really help the book to come alive – too bad there aren’t more! They really are terrific. This book is probably suited more for the 5 and up crowd, as there are longer sections of text that will be too much for real young readers.. But they will enjoy having the story read to them, and the pictures are really charming! Go Ducks! Don't miss this little story time gem! It is a sure winner with the kiddos... a fun, adventuresome tale that gets them hoping for a happy turnout for all! Happy to see that Mr. Driscoll has another book out and we’ll be reading it very, very soon. (5stars) *Marcella Gonzales – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
14. Cute book and easy to read. Great text/picture ratio and the writing had great flow and rhythm. Simple to understand concepts and words, and even a few that will have to be explained to the younger ones (this is a good thing). Liked the idea of the Berries helping to return the lost duck and being welcomed as one of their own. A great message for children. (4 stars) *Sherrie Warner – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
15. After reading so many books to my kids, and watching them lose interest after the first few pages, I began to think nothing would keep their interest from cover to cover...Until I read “The Discovery of Duck Nation” to them.... Both kids were fascinated from the very first page, and had me re-read sections from time to time. This story is well-written and lively and appealing on many levels... even for adults. And I love the artwork! (4 stars) *Essie Harmon – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
16. I loved the book, and so did my 6 year old niece... We enjoyed the storyline and the characters, and the creative and imaginative world of David Driscoll was a fun one to be a part of for a little while. I can see this being a book we’ll re-read over and over. A great add to any collection, as it is a timeless story that children and adults will love. (5 stars) *Tabitha Parks – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
17. Our entire family loves ducks, so this was fun for everyone. Over a weekend my older kids read this to their younger siblings while they all bundled up in blankets on the floor, and they all loved it! It has a few colorful illustrations that really gave the books such a wonderful boost. It is more advanced than an early reader picture book, but the story is suitable for all ages. Even I loved it! (5 stars) *Nicola Flood – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

18. “The Discovery of Duck Nation” is so fun, so fresh, so colorful, and actually has a good plot! My kids were so invested in the outcome of the Berries and the Ducks, and we loved the fact that characters all had such a sassy, fun personality and narrative ‘voice’.. We read this one afternoon and hope it’s not too much longer before the other books like this are published. Looking forward to more fun adventures with the Berries! (4-5 stars) *Darlene Cupp – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
19. I read this book with my 5-year-old daughter and when we got to the end she wanted to read it again. The next night she wanted it again! She loves to have books read to her, especially any involving animals. But this is one of the only times my short-attention-span kid has asked for the same book three times in a row and now she wants to know where the next one is. A cute read full of love and fun. Flawless editing and spectacular pictures! Very impressive! (5 stars) *Anabella Johnson – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
20. I am not ashamed to admit it, I'm 41 years old and I thought this book was totally adorable. Love reading a book where the animals (and fruit!) are the stars and just as big of characters as the people are. I was caught up in the entertaining storyline and thought the writing was great – nice flow and good pacing. Very descriptive and with great energy and spunk. I can't say enough good things about this book, do yourself a favor buy it! You'll smile and laugh and love it each time you read it, and your children will love it! (4 stars) *Kaylee Stevens – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
21. “The Discovery of Duck Nation” by David Driscoll is a fun, sweet book with an actual good plot (gasp!) and is quite easy to read for older children, but the younger ones might need some help. This isn’t a ‘picture book’ per say, but it does have several (Fabulous!) illustrations that bring some of the scenes to life. We only wish there were more! They really helped bring the characters and this fun world of the berries and the ducks to life in a fun, magical way. A great find, and we’ll definitely be reading this one again! (4-5 stars) *Claire Middleton – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
22. I really thought this book by David Driscoll was great. Showed lots of creativity and compassion and heart. Plus it was very funny and expressed completely different type of story than we are used to reading in our house. The concepts are clear and the writing is clear and easy for young readers to understand. The writing was very appropriate for the targeted age group, and the illustrations are simply wonderful! (5 stars) *Stacy Decker– Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

23. My 8-year-old daughter loves all that is animals these days, so needless to say this book was a huge hit. The way the author brings not only the ducks, but the other characters to life, it is so genuine and real, and the story had much more depth and substance than I was expecting, which was a good thing. It felt very well-rounded and was time well spent reading it. A terrific addition to our book collection and we are eager to read more adventures of these delightful creatures. (5 stars) *Sam Ryan – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
24. As much as I enjoyed this fun children's book from David Driscoll, "The Discovery of Duck Nation" and thought the drawings and clever characters were lovely, I feel it was a bit light on the obstacles the characters must identify and overcome to reach a satisfying conclusion. While it was nice in the end, it wasn't clear exactly what the Berries goals were, and what they did to accomplish their task. So in regards to teaching life lessons through a story I thought it was a bit lacking. But it was a fun read, nevertheless. (3 stars) *Karen Matthews – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
25. Clever, fast-paced, and included a fun mystery and an enchanting discovery (an island of colorful ducks) and some fun adventures, "The Discovery of Duck Nation" is sure to please the young readers in your life with it's colorful, bright and energetic pictures that bring to life the engaging text of these special creatures, the ducks and the "berries". A terrific, fun read. (5 stars) *April Dawn – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
26. I thought this book by David Driscoll was really special. It has that rare quality that lets the parent have a good time while reading a story to their child. The plot is very interesting and keeps you hooked from the first page to the last. And there is a fun and creative cast of characters that we just love and beautiful, vibrant pictures. I'm happy to have found this author and cannot wait to get the rest of his books starring the sweet, spunky Berries! If there are more... hope so!(5 stars) *J.T Thomas – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
27. A terrific, fun and entertaining tale. "The Discovery of Duck Nation" is definitely one of those books that is as entertaining for the adults as it is for the children. The illustrations add a great accent and life to the story, but while some children's books absolutely must rely on the pictures to keep the child's attention, this book definitely does not... the story is captivating and heart-warming and with great dialogue Highly recommended for animal lovers of all ages, and all children at heart. (4 stars) *Cale Owens – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*

28. What a charming and imaginative tale with a wonderful ending! I loved this book and so did my 8-year-old daughter.(She asked if the Berries had their own TV show! Ha!) We liked the message of friendship and togetherness. This was a fun, easy read that children will devour and read over and over again. Hope this continues on into a series... (4-5 stars) *Cody Brighton – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
29. I really got a kick out of reading this book, “The Discovery of Duck Nation” by David Driscoll. There are fun adventures to be had, but also important life lessons to be learned. It is very creative and thinks outside the box as far as storylines for younger kids go, but it has some familiar favorite tropes that are sure to delight. And the illustrations are just fabulous! Perfect editing, and while it might be a tad too much for the real young ones, but they will enjoy having the story read to them as well. Will be looking for more in this author soon! (4 stars) *Jean Oliver – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*
30. This book by David Driscoll was very easy to read, engaging, and fast-paced to keep your child’s attention. I knew by the 20% mark that it would go on the favorites shelf, and I was right! I admit I had no real expectations when starting it, but we were soon immersed in this wonderful, fun book and impressed with the level of creativity that Mr. Driscoll puts into “The Discovery of Duck Nation”. I loved the characters and the energy and the dialogue the author uses. I know the ending wraps up nicely, but it also leaves the door open for more fun adventures. Can’t wait! Recommend. (5 stars) *Max Gilbert – Goodreads; Shelfari; Barnes & Noble; Indie Book Reviewers*