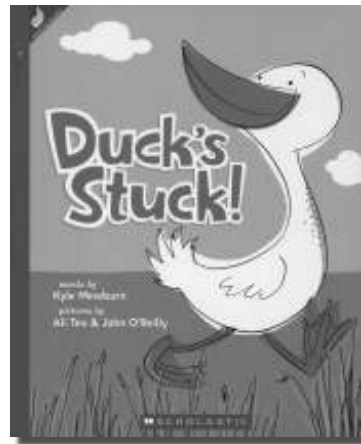




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Duck's Stuck!

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Target Age 3+

A cautionary tale about a duck that stuck its head somewhere it shouldn't, by the award-winning team that created the popular *Kiss! Kiss! Yuck! Yuck!*



Kyle Mewburn became a full time writer six years ago but he has always been a writer of sorts. From long rambling essays at school (on which his English teachers wrote – “Good ... I think. But your scrawl is becoming progressively worse”) to writing advertising copy and, to be on the safe side, journalism. (Not that journalism excited him; it was just that he imagined it might be a springboard to a globetrotting career.)



Ali Teo and John O'Reilly live together in Wellington, with three dogs and a bird. This is the second title by Kyle they have worked on, the first being the highly successful *Kiss! Kiss! Yuck! Yuck!* which won the Picture Book category and Children's Choice Award at the New Zealand Post Book Awards in 2006.

Last year their book *Tahi: One Lucky Kiwi* won the Picture Book category of the New Zealand Post Book Awards.

Great Activity and Event Ideas...

1. Act out the actions duck does on page one. Are there other actions you can think of that a duck may do during his day?
2. How many words that rhyme with duck can you find in this book? Can you think of any that weren't used?
3. Can you make the noises of all the different animals in this book?
4. Where is the funniest place you've got a part of your body stuck?
5. If duck hadn't gotten unstuck, what other animals that live on a farm might have tried to help?



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Activity

This story is all about rhyming. How many pairs of rhyming words can you fit in this box?