

LORGNETTE

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Book Review: FINDING FAMILY: THE DUCKLING RAISED BY LOONS

Can you name the different birds that migrate each winter to go south towards warmer weather? Did you know that among those birds are enemy species, not sharing the water with each other? This book tells the story of two such species, the Loon and the Mallard duck. These animals do not get along and are very different; however, when the Loons lose their chicks, a Mallard duckling comes along, and the Loons raise it as their own. Follow this amazing story and learn all the things the Mallard does that goes against typical actions.

This is based on a true story of how a Loon family adopted a Mallard duckling, going against a usual setting in nature. The story is told with a flowing and rhythmic sequence to make it an enjoyable story to follow. The illustrations are paintings, showing the flow of water, the underwater scenery, and pointing out differences in these two species of waterfowl. The end of the book tells the true story with additional information. A Venn diagram compares these two species of birds to show how different they are. Information on how to find other resources, including books to read, is provided on the ending page.

