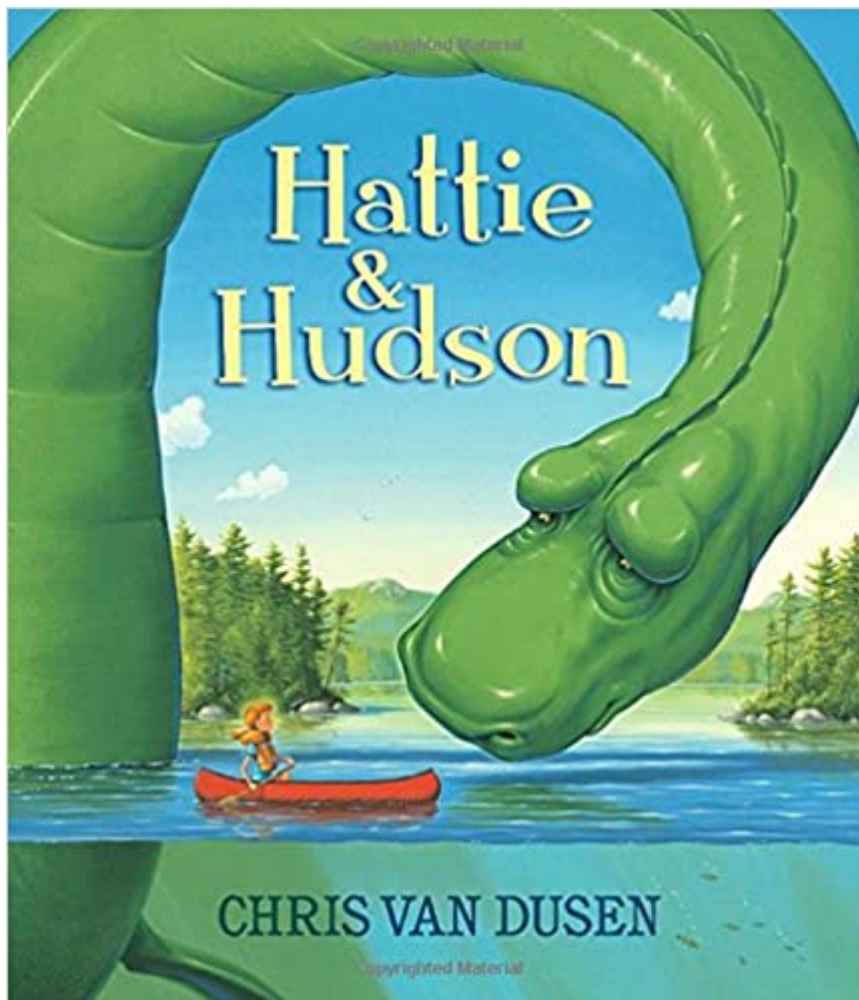




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Hattie And Hudson



Synopsis

A little girl and her colossal friend teach a monster-size lesson about prejudging others in a charming new offering from Chris Van Dusen. Hattie McFadden is a born explorer. Every morning she grabs her life jacket and paddles out in her canoe to discover something new on the lake, singing a little song on her way. When her singing draws up from the depths a huge mysterious beast, everyone in town is terrified — except Hattie, who looks into the creature's friendly, curious eyes and knows that this is no monster. So Hattie sneaks out at night to see the giant — whom she names Hudson — and the two become friends. But how can she make the frightened, hostile townspeople see that Hudson isn't scary or dangerous at all? Chris Van Dusen brings his colorful, perspective-bending artwork to this satisfying new story about acceptance, friendship, and sticking up for those who are different.

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Customer Reviews

Van Dusen's (The Circus Ship) sleekly painted lake is a midsummer day's dream: saturated greens, glimmering blue water and little red boats you're dying to take for a spin. The New York Times Book Review The gouache illustrations are filled with details that bring light and life to the pages, from each water droplet to every rolled-up sleeve. Hudson, although enormous, is drawn with expressive eyes and a lovely green hue that reflects the stars in the sky...Outdoor enthusiasts will celebrate this brave young heroine as she schools the town on

acceptance.âKirkus ReviewsVan Dusenâs stunning illustrations offer unique perspectives, from an aerial view of Hattie first making eye contact with two glowing eyes beneath the silvery water to a vertical spread of Hudson triumphantly emerging in the sunlight with Hattie perched on his head...This eloquent, evocative book about compassion is perfect for sparking discussions on prejudice. A sensational choice for a seasonal storytime.âSchool Library JournalThe storyâs messageâdonât judge by appearancesâis gently delivered in a tale just right for one-on-one sharing.âBooklistChris Van Dusen brings his colorful, perspective-bending artwork to this satisfying new story about acceptance, friendship, and sticking up for those who are different.âA Mighty Girl (blog)The evocative illustrations, and timeless themes of acceptance, friendship and being an upstander will resonate with young readers, and provide a good jumping off point for conversations about courage and kindness.âBaltimore SunTold through Chris Van Dusenâs signature lively illustrations, Hattie & Hudson is a delightful summer read full of wonder and heart.âBill Grace, Buttonwood Books & Toys, Cohasset, Mass.

Chris Van Dusen is the creator of many outstanding books for children, including *The Circus Ship* and *Randy Rileyâs Really Big Hit*. He is also the illustrator of *President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath* by Mac Barnett and the best-selling *Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo. He lives in Maine.

I have a lot of childrenâs books on my shelf, and all of the Chris Van Dusen titles are easily among the kids most favorite to pull off and read. His illustrations are always full of great character designs, and scenes that are full of beautiful details. *Hattie & Hudson* is no exception. Iâm confident it will be added to our frequent reading list, and I wonât mind at all as itâs a fun tale of friendship. The kids also enjoy poring over the pages looking for any nods to previous books, and were happy to find a couple familiar faces included. Iâd gladly recommend *Hattie & Hudson*, and suggest checking out his other books as well if youâve not already done so. Weâre already anxiously awaiting his next.....

I thoroughly enjoyed the newest book by Chris Van Dusen. Unlike so many of his other books, this is not a rhyming story. But, that hardly makes a difference. It is the story of one friend helping another. A joy!

WONDERFUL! Another great story by Chris Van Dusen, teaching great values to children and adults of all ages about not judging someone by their looks or their size.

Like all of Van Dusen's previous books, Hattie and Hudson was an instant hit with my two year old daughter. She was very curious about the "scary" characters (Hudson, the people at the town meeting) and loved understanding that they were all nice despite appearances. She learned Hattie's song in the first few readings and stops my wife and I when we're reading so she can sing those parts of the story. I don't think anything will ever top Circus Ship for her, but this is close. I'm pretty picky about her books but highly recommend all of Van Dusen's picture books.

I love every Chris Van Dusen book, but I especially like this one. I love the female protagonist and the message about not making snap judgments. It's fun to read and keeps my 3-year-old's attention. And, I know he'll grow up with it as well.

Bought this for a grandson's birthday. If you like Van Dusen's other books, you will love this one as well!

Sweet story of a girl defending her new friend - the lake's monster. Beautiful artwork and enjoyable story!

I loved this story about a brave, outdoorsy girl fighting the town's fears.

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