Set in the wilds of Africa, Caldecott Honor winner Rachel Isadora’s stunning interpretation of the beloved Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale portrays African animals and landscapes with beautiful detail. As the ugly duckling searches for a place where he can fit in, Isadora’s vibrant collages capture the beauty in everything from glistening feathers to shimmering sunsets.

My Personal Review:

We all know the classic story of the "ugly" duckling that hung around ducklings that s/he didn't resemble and so thought that s/he was a messed up version of those ducklings. However, the duckling turns out to not be a duckling, but actually, a beautiful swan...different potential and resources in the beginning, but in the end at least as beautiful as the ducks. Great story, great moral.

IN THIS VERSION, the story is set in Africa, so the characters are surrounded by children in varied African-style garb and the other animals that the "duckling" interacts with are animals typical of the African continent. In the end, the "duckling" grows up to be a beautiful, shiny, black swan, differentiating this book from the classic version where the duckling grows into a beautiful, shiny, white swan.

The illustrations of the African children, adults, animals, and landscape are vivid and engrossing. You will spend at least as much time admiring the illustrations as you will the story.

I highly recommend this book to children of all ages!

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