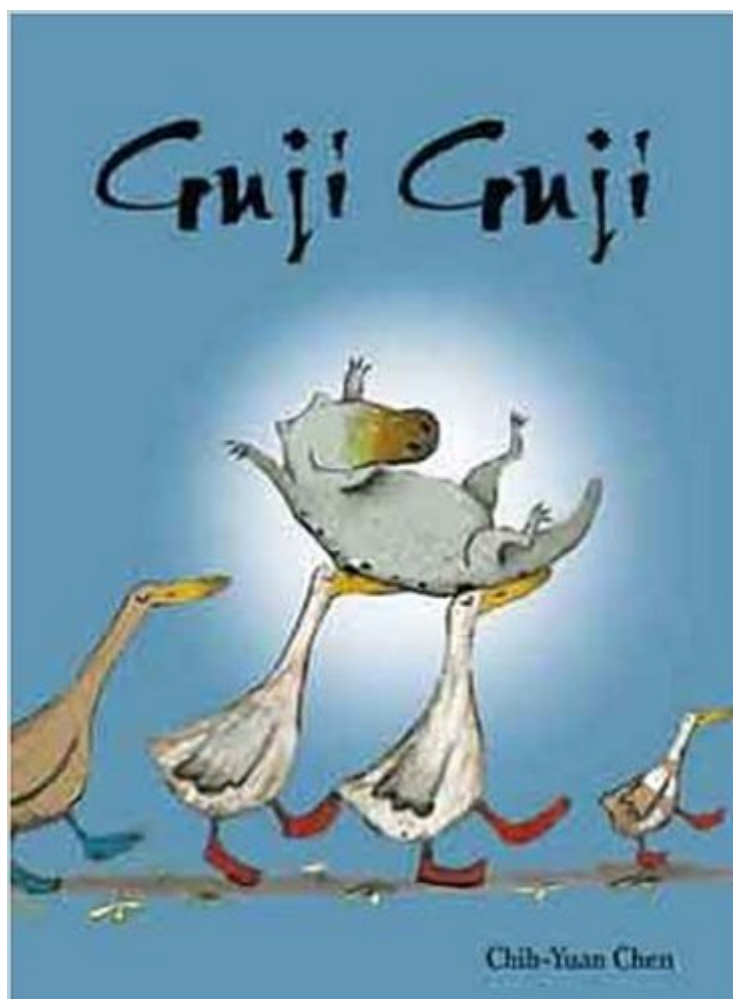


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# Guji Guji



## Synopsis

Guji Guji is just your ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill duck...um, crocodile...um, duck... In this engaging story about identity, loyalty and what it really means to be a family, Guji, Guji makes some pretty big decisions about who he is, what he is, and what it all means, anyway.

## Book Information

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Credit little known but awfully influential Kane/Miller Book Publishers with what may well be called the nicest Taiwanese picture book discovery of the century. We're all familiar with that overused idea of how no-matter-how-different-we-look-from-one-another-we-can-all-be-friends. This thought has inspired some of the vilest treacle imaginable and has undoubtedly poisoned the tender little minds of our youth for years. This isn't to say that the message shouldn't be taught, though. It just needs to be taught well. Enter, "Guji Guji". The book looks at first like an overworn idea done to death yet again. Then you actually read it through. Rather than overworn, the book is raucously original. It's sweet and funny and even reading its name aloud to small children causes them to squeal with laughter. Few books can claim half so much. Our story begins with an egg. An egg in transit. As mother duck sits reading a book, she does not notice that a particularly large brown egg has rolled down the hill and into her nest. When the eggs hatch beneath her, she names each baby accordingly. The last and largest egg hatches and a baby crocodile emerges (hands triumphantly

over his head) with a cry of "Guji Guji". And that becomes his name. Lest you think this is some slight adaptation of the "Ugly Duckling" story, you couldn't be further from the truth. Not only is Guji Guji accepted into society, but he's a whiz at everything. "Guji Guji always learned more quickly than the others. He was bigger and stronger too". Such bliss cannot remain entirely uninterrupted, however, and one day the little crocodile is confronted by big, mean, hungry, adult crocodiles. They attempt to convince Guji Guji to sacrifice his duck family to them since he is truly a bad crocodile at heart.

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