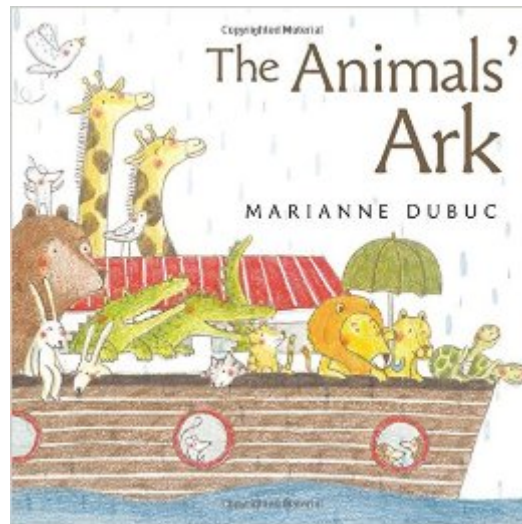


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# The Animals' Ark



## Synopsis

In this delightful picture book, award-winning author and illustrator Marianne Dubuc retells the biblical story of the ark voyage from the animals' perspective. It begins with a light rain in the animal kingdom that turns heavier and steadier until all the land is flooded. The animals are huddled together atop a hill, the only dry spot left, when they spy a boat coming toward them. Rescue! The smiling captain, Mr. Noah, invites them to board, two by two. At first, the animals enjoy settling in and finding ways to amuse themselves --- the sheep play leapfrog, the ladybugs play dominoes, a chameleon plays hide-and-seek. But as it continues to rain, and rain, and rain, things grow testy below deck. The animals are getting on one another's nerves. And all of them are wondering, will the rain ever stop? With sweet, warm illustrations, this is a creative and child-friendly version of the well-known journey story. The playful animal drawings are filled with details and sly jokes, making them great fun for children to spend time with. This book makes a wonderful read-aloud, either for its connection to the biblical tale or merely as a lighthearted animal story. With the focus on how the different species fare individually and together, it would also work as an exploration of animals and their unique behaviors. It could easily spark discussions about how children might use cooperation, respect and kindness in trying circumstances as well.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Summary: A very simplified version of what the animals on Noah's Ark might have done in order to pass the time during the Big Flood. The book itself is quite long (for a picture book) and each page is filled with colored sketches of various animals that were on the ark. The illustrations are casual, colorful, and cute and I loved how happy they all seemed to be. The problem that I had with this book is that there was NO mention of God or anything remotely religious. There are plenty of ways to tell the Biblical story in such a way that a child can understand it- so why not incorporate the lesson? I feel as though it is categorized under "Christian Religious Fiction" since there is really nothing tying it to any religion. The ONLY explanation I can think of as to why the book was done in this way is the author truly wanted to make it from the animals' point of view- meaning the animals didn't know anything other than "Oh, time to go on a boat since its raining" without understanding the how or why behind it. That being said, any parent looking for a sweet children's telling of the story of Noah and the Ark will be disappointed.

"The Animals' Ark" written & illustrated by Marianne Dubuc. Published by Kids Can Press. A precious hardcover picture book perfect for ages 2-7. A playful look inside the famous ark. Ever wondered what the animals did to pass time? Or how they felt as time passed in those cramped quarters? This charming book brings a whole new perspective to Noah's Ark...The animals perspective! And it's as sweet as it sounds. The hand drawn, colored pencil illustrations are lovely & so well done. My daughter loved that everyone had rosy cheeks!

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