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# The Hueys In The New Sweater





### **Synopsis**

The New York Times Best Illustrated Picture Book, now in an oversized trim for added value and fun!The Hueys are small and mischievous, unique compared to the world's other creatures--but hardly unique to one another. You see, each Huey looks the same, thinks the same, and does the same exact things. So you can imagine the chaos when one of them has the idea of knitting a sweater! It seems like a good idea at the time--he is quite proud of it, in fact--but it does make him different from the others. So the rest of the Hueys, in turn, decide that they want to be different too! How? By knitting the exact same sweater, of course!The first in a series of child-friendly concept books by the #1 bestselling artist of The Day the Crayons Quit, How to Catch a Star, Stuck, and This Moose Belongs to Me, The New Sweater proves that standing apart can be accomplished even when standing together.

#### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

My kids and I are huge fans of Oliver Jeffers books. When we saw that he had a new book coming out we got it right away! His books are always interesting. Artistically his work is unlike anyone else. It's whimsical, imaginative and creative. The stories are always a pleasure to read and a bit surprising. "The Hueys in the New Sweater" is much the same. It's a story about being different and

trying something new even if it means standing out in a crowd. One Huey changed everything by simply going out on a limb and doing something that hadn't been done before. A review from my 5 year old son - "I loved that the sweater changed everything and I loved all the other parts of it. That's how much I loved it!"

I bought this book to go with a knitted toy Huey I made for the next baby to be born into our family. The story is simple and timeless. Since it is a chunky boardbook it should survive use by any toddler. I love it!

I find it frustrating that some reviewers don't see how clever this book is. I love it. It does a lot to examine how people/Huey's react to change or fear thereof. Do we only embrace change so that we are the ones who aren't different? Its a clever twist to the same ole "be unique" message. Its seems like some of reviewers missed the layers because they missed the irony. I used in to teach irony at school, and the kids loved it. They are 14. My son is 3 and he loves it. Layers!

You can read this review and more on my blog, Caught Read Handed. The Hueys are all the same: egg-shaped little dudes that all think the same way, do the same things, and look exactly the same. Until one day when Rupert knits himself a cool little orange sweater. Gasp! Rupert is different, and he is ostracized. That is until Gillespie (can I just take a moment to say how freaking awesome the names Rupert and Gillespie are for childrenâ ™s book characters??) notices and thinks that being different is interesting. So what does he do? Why, he knits himself his own cool little orange sweater! Soon everyone is doing it and Rupert must find a new way to be different. At first it seemed that Jeffers was commenting on the fact that it is almost impossible to be different in our society â "where everyone will do the same thing if it is cool and everyone else is doing it. Everyone was being different but they were all doing it in exactly the same way. But then you reach the end and you flip the last page, and all of the Hueys are there in bright, vivid colors â "all different! I think this one teaches kids how to be different by thinking outside of the box. Yes, there are trends and people like to fit in and do what others are doing, but you should be like Rupert. Be yourself, set trends, think outside the box. I still think Jeffersâ ™ is commenting on societyâ ™s need to be different by being exactly the same, but I like the other theme too!

Just picked up this book for my nephew and I think it's a nice simple funny little story that really helps illustrate a truth in human nature. We want to be different. And the same. Usually the first of

us to do something different is thought of as an outsider, strange, etc. When others start to do the thing it becomes socially acceptable and soon enough everyone is doing it! A cute way to introduce the idea to young children and get them thinking.

Great book by Oliver Jeffers. He's an awesome illustrator. The Book was in excellent condition upon arrival, packaged and handled with care. Looks brand new, the binding crinkled even when I opened the pages. Awesome! I'll be adding this happily to my collection of favorite illustrator books!

Great to find books around knitting, making garments as way to teach kids about making things that are uniquely their own--although it was baffling that the illustrations show the other Hueys all knitted the exact same sweaters. But at the end, one of the Hueys knitted a completely different accessory, hat, with different colors...so at the end, the message got across! My niece loves the book.

This poor little bean wants to be different, and all the other beans just copy him. This is a cute little book plays as a good catalyst in discussing acting different and people copying everything.

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