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The Boy Who Wouldn't Swim

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Synopsis

Electric, sherbet-y colors, uniquely comic characters, and a story line filled with high comedy mark this fabulous picture book by new talent Deb Lucke. Eric Dooley just won’t swim. If sweating in the hot summer sun while everyone else cools off in the pool isn’t bad enough, Eric’s younger sister is having the time of her life. When he sees her dog-paddling right across the middle of the pool, under his sunblock he’s positively green with envy. Not to mention sweaty. And irritated. But after the babies in the wading pool give him dirty looks for invading their territory, Eric finds a way to conquer his fears. And just like that he goes from being the boy who wouldn’t swim . . . to being the boy who won’t get out of the pool. Not even in October.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I ordered this book for my son who loves the water, but hates getting his face wet. He’s been taking swimming lessons and cries when swim day comes. While he thoroughly enjoys the book, it hasn’t really helped with the whimpering on swim day. I’d recommend the book and the company from which I received it.

What a sweet book! After checking this book out from the library I decided to buy this book for my little guy he loved it so much! A sweet story about a boy who doesn’t want to swim but eventually
gets so hot he has to get in and give it a try! I have read this book through a million times and would recommend it to others!

I purchased this a few years ago for my sons who are now 8 and 10 but still LOVE it. It was a favorite of theirs for several years. I think all children can relate or remember themselves, friends or siblings who were afraid of the water. The author, through humor and wonderful story telling, tells the story of a young boy named Eric who is afraid of the water. He watches his younger sister learn to swim and gets jealous and pulls some funny pranks because of it. In the end, Eric finds the courage to go in and loves it and is hooked. He doesn't want to get out....even when it's snowing. This picture book is a must have for your home library or if you are a grandparent, uncle or auntie, it's a must for the children in your life.

Very relevant and nice story about beginners to swimming any summer any year. My 4 year old can swim now and can relate to when she could not swim yet earlier in the year.

Illustrations are great. The story line was amusing and well done but the ending was a little far fetched in that the boy stayed in the pool all summer into winter.

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