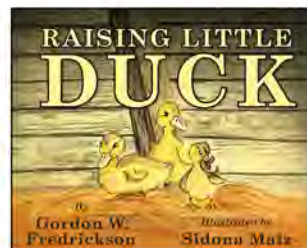


Raising Little Duck

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GLOSSARY

bill: the beak of a bird, especially when the beak is slender, flattened, or weak, or belongs to a web-footed bird, like a duck.

brooder house: a small house or pen that is often heated to raise chicks, ducklings, goslings, or piglets.

broody hen: a hen that wants to hatch eggs. Also called a cluck.

chicken coop: a cage or pen for chickens. In the story the chicken coop is large and holds three hundred or more laying hens. The brooder house is very small because it is made to shelter ducklings or chicks.

cluck: deep, throaty sounds made by a hen to call her chicks.

country school: a one-room rural school in which all elementary grades are taught by one teacher.

dandelion: a plant of the daisy family, with bright yellow flowers and edible leaves.

drake: a male duck.

duck: a water bird with a broad blunt bill, short legs, webbed feet, and a waddling gait.

duckling: a young duck.

haymow: the part of a barn in which hay is stored.

hen: a female bird, especially of a domestic fowl.

oats: meaning many oat kernels, which are the edible seeds of a cereal plant.