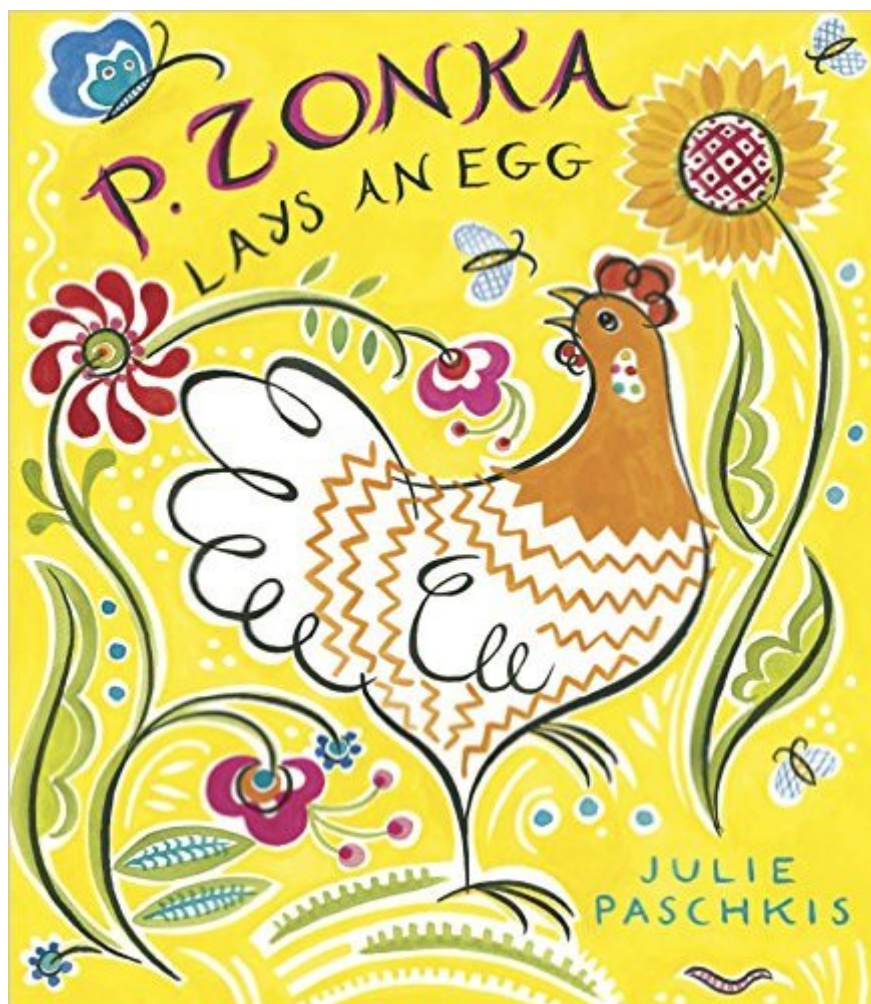


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P. Zonka Lays An Egg



Synopsis

Extraordinary hen P. Zonka spends her time taking in the beauty around her: the shiny green of the grass, the buttery yellows of the dandelions, the deep blue of the sky. The other hens can't understand why she never lays eggs like they do. Finally, P. Zonka gives in and lays an egg. To everyone's delight, she produces a wondrous egg that contains all the colors and designs that she has stored in her creative imagination.

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Customer Reviews

P. Zonka Lays an Egg by Julie Paschkis Summary: All the hens in the henhouse lay eggs on a very regular basis. They're proud of their accomplishments, and can't understand why P. Zonka refuses to produce anything. Instead, she wanders around admiring the flowers and the sky. Finally, the other hens call her on it and insist that she try to lay an egg. They don't think she can do it, but much to their surprise, not only does she lay one, but it is beautifully striped and patterned with many colors. P. Zonka never becomes a regular egg layer, but when she does lay one, it is always beautiful and unique, and the hens treat her with new respect. Pros: This is a story that celebrates dreamers and artists. The productive, hardworking citizens of the henhouse are seen as a bit bossy and self-righteous, while the one who seems to be doing nothing is actually fully engaged in an artistic process. On another level, this story and its illustrations are a good introduction to pysanka

egg decorating. Cons: The message seemed a little bit heavy-handed to me.

Why doesn't P. Zonka lay eggs? Maud, Nadine and Dora are normal hens. They lay eggs regularly. But P. Zonka is a dreamer. She wanders around the yard and soaks in the beauty of the red tulips, the orange cat with one blue eye, the sky at midnight, and the cherry blossoms. P. Zonka drinks all of that in and one day lays an egg. Wait until you see it! I love this book. The illustrations are charming and colorful. This would make a great book for the spring, or any time of year. Wonderful for children ages 3-8. It uses some lyrical vocabulary, but the plot is easy to understand. Great for a span of ages.

P. ZONKA LAYS AN EGG by Julie Paschkis tells the charming story of a daydreaming chicken who lays a spectacular egg. The other hens in the chicken yard can't figure out why their friend spends her time observing the natural world rather than laying eggs, so they're shocked when one day she lays a beautifully designed, multicolored egg. Designed for ages 3 through 7, Paschkis's colorful folk art style inspired by Ukrainian eggs designs will appeal to young readers. The simple, easy-to-understand picture book story focusing on the value of creativity and the beauty of nature will be appreciated by readers of all ages. The book is a great addition to the library's collection of Spring and Easter-themed books. Librarians will find the publisher's event kit • useful for promoting the book. Go to <http://peachtree-online.com/pdfs/PZonkaEventKit.pdf>. To learn more about the Ukrainian egg designs, go to <http://www.pysanky.info>. To enjoy the White House Easter Egg Roll, go to <https://www.whitehouse.gov/EasterEggRoll/>. To learn more about the author/illustrator, go to <http://www.juliepaschkis.com/>. Published by Peachtree Publishers on March 1, 2015.

P. Zonka lays an egg is about a chicken named P. Zonka who wanders around staring at nature and dreaming and never lays an egg but later ended up laying a spectacular and colorful egg. I liked the egg because it looked exactly like the real world she was living in. I liked every single picture because they are very interesting and pretty. My favorite picture was when all the chickens were standing outside and Nadine saying "is it a little too much?" at the egg P. Zonka laid. The picture exactly explains that Nadine never saw an egg before like this and she looked very confused, she couldn't believe because no chicken can lay a colorful egg. And also the illustrations are very creative with lot of patterns in every page. Kids who like chickens and roosters and love to decorate eggs will love this book. This book is a picture book and a fantasy

book.Review by Shrisha.K, 6, San Diego Mensa

Book number four is P. Zonka Lays an Egg by Julie Paschkis and I lost myself a number of times in Julie's watercolors in this book because they are just beautiful beautiful beautiful. This is a book essentially about Russian eggs or, rather, Ukrainian eggs and about a chicken who cannot lay eggs or doesn't want to lay eggs. All of the other chickens are kind of teasing her for it. "Why don't you try it P. Zonka?" "Why don't you at least give it a try?" Well, she tries and what comes out is this beautiful, patterned, decorative egg and it's gorgeous. I love that these eggs are actually called pyzankas, and so Julie has taken that name and created a character from it to let readers know that language better. The colors on this book just pop off of the page and the eyes are drawn right to these great patterns, these swirling lines, these zigzag lines, these juxtaposed colors. It's really a work of art. Julie did a wonderful job on P. Zonka Lays an Egg. This review appears on an episode of the "Best Book Ever [this week]" segment of the Let's Get Busy podcast. Check out the original post here:

<http://lgbpodcast.blogspot.com/2015/04/the-best-book-ever-this-week-april-5.html>

While P. Zonka's industrious sisters are busy laying boring eggs on a regular basis, this whimsical hen prefers to wander the yard, taking in all the beautiful details around her. Until she's challenged to lay an egg of her own. This is a gorgeous book that perfectly captures the idea that some things are worth waiting for -- especially true art. Although it could be tied into many areas of the curriculum, P. Zonka Lays an Egg would work especially well in an art or creative writing lesson, to illustrate that creativity often takes time, preparation, observation, and a lot of daydreaming. Picture book or not, it would make a good mini lesson on inspiration for all ages.

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