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Age Group: Preschool (3-5)



Proposed Family Activities

- 1. You may want to pause as you read and ask your child: Where do you think the cat is rushing off to? Why is Mr. Goat blocking the way? Will the vixen eat all the raspberries that she has picked herself?
- 2. Perhaps you would enjoy taking a look at the illustrations in this book together: Have you noticed Duck's and Porcupine's special eyebrows? Can you discern who is angry and upset, and who is happy and relaxed judging by their eyebrows alone? You may want to sit one opposite the other and take turns to cover your face, leaving nothing but your eyebrows visible. Now, pull a face happy, surprised, angry, or sad and ask the other to guess which emotion you were trying to express by your eyebrows alone.
- 3. You could make a finger theater using eyeliners and lipsticks: draw needles on the back of your finger, and a nose and mouth on the front and you have got

yourself a porcupine; paint the thumb and forefinger of your other hand red with some lipstick, so that their tips form a bill – and you have got yourself a duck. Use both hands to perform a show based on this book. Which hand is quick to judge? Which hand gives others the benefit of the doubt?

4. Perhaps you could share a story with your child about a time when, like the duck in this book, you were quick to jump to conclusions about others' actions. When something unpleasant happens, we can try to adopt the "porcupine" approach, and repeat the phrase "maybe, possibly, perhaps" together.

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