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A beautifully-written and reflective book which gently unfolds its story of a little girl who nurtures and cares for a duckling. It's a fine example of a book for the young which gives the structure of feeling within a close-knit family and community. Independent, imaginative activity is in the texture of the telling --- I like the way the adults only give help when they're asked to. It is short but don't let that and the Young Puffin label lead you to ignore the possibilities for older classes. There's some finely-crafted episodes: read slowly with older juniors the part where the egg hatches out to show them how writing can slow time down. For good measure, there's more feel for natural life than in shelves full of information books. Splendid pictures: nines to elevens will warm to the power at the heart of this one.

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