

# Tad Hills

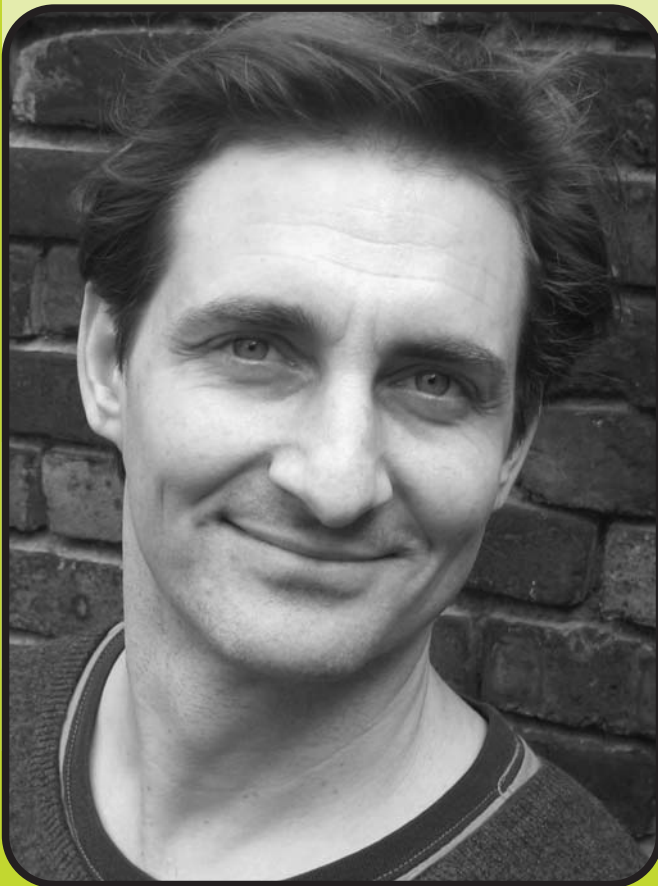


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“**E**very day I wish that I could make art with the simplicity and fearlessness that my kids do.”

—Tad Hills

Tad Hills is the author and illustrator of the *New York Times* bestselling book, *Duck & Goose*. A painter, an actor, and an obsessive Halloween costume maker, he lives in Brooklyn, New York, with his wife and children.

# About the Author

**A**s a child, Tad Hills spent a lot of time with his grandmother, who was also an artist. They made books, drew and painted pictures, visited galleries and museums, and sat in her garden. She encouraged Tad to look at the world from different angles. She was delighted when, instead of seeing a pansy, he saw a monkey's face, or instead of a puddle of spilled milk, he saw an elephant.

Tad's family and friends always encouraged his artistic endeavors. The family had a playroom that was buzzing with activity. It was never tidy for long—a reality his mother accepted after weighing the benefits. Tad spent most of his time drawing, painting, and building. Now, as an adult, and with children of his own, Tad

makes many of the same things he made as a kid. "There is nothing more exciting to me than building something from nothing, without using a blueprint or directions. I especially like using unlikely—and better yet, recycled—materials. I really couldn't tell you how a car engine worked, but I can make a nice one out of cardboard and toothpicks."

Tad feels that writing and illustrating books is a great job because he can do it at home. At times the kitchen counter or dining room table is his studio. "I can get instant (and honest) feedback from my family."

"I hope kids leave my books with a smile and a question," Tad says. "I hope the books are entertaining, but also get kids talking."

## Praise for:

### **DUCK & GOOSE**

★ "Every artistic decision underscores the humor with deft mastery. . . . Readers will likely hope to see more of this adorable odd couple."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, Starred

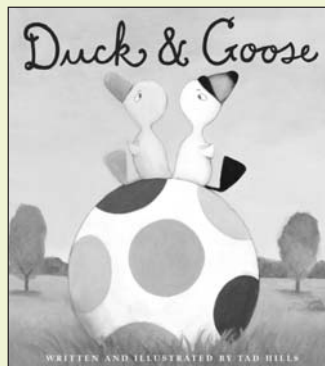
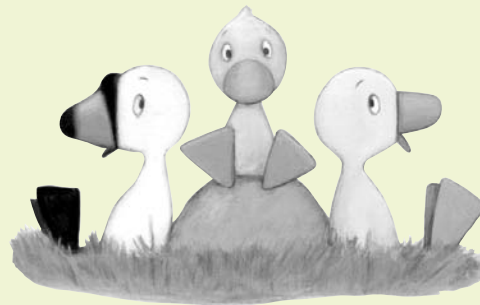
★ "Hills' feathered heroes enact a dialogue familiar to anyone who has negotiated with siblings or playground rivals."—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred

"Whimsically rendered Duck and Goose . . . will instantly endear themselves to children."—*Booklist*

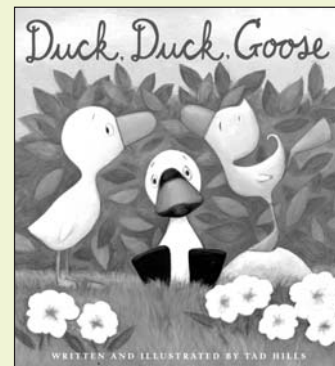
"Satisfying . . . audience-pleasing . . . clever and unifying."—*The Horn Book*



## Book List



**DUCK & GOOSE**  
Ages 3–7 • Schwartz & Wade Books  
HC: 978-0-375-83611-4 (0-375-83611-X)  
GLB: 978-0-375-93611-1 (0-375-93611-4)



**DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE**  
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