

★ **Dear Duck, Please Come!****Sarah Mackenzie****Charles Santoso, Illustrator**

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A ragtag group searches a forest haven in the whimsical illustrations of this picture book about good friends. Duck receives a letter at his egg-shaped home from his friend Rabbit: "Please come! I lost my tooth." On his way to Rabbit's house, Duck searches for the tooth; Badger, Turtle, Squirrel, and Mouse join, but their investigation is to no avail. When they arrive at Rabbit's carrot-esque house with heads low and hands empty, a misunderstanding is revealed, and the party can begin!

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