

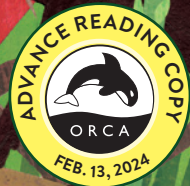


Country Baby

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Pull on your boots for a day out on the farm.

MUD PUDDLES, SPECKLED EGGS AND COZY SHEEP'S WOOL...

it's a day in the country for mom and baby. It starts when we pull on rubber boots. Then we're ready to splash in puddles, dig up carrots and explore the sounds and sights of the farm. When we're all done, we go inside to hang socks to dry, take a warm bubble bath and snuggle up in bed under the stars.

Meditative, simple and sweet, *Country Baby* gives us a fun farm adventure that is a joy to read together.

Laurie Elmquist is the author of several books for young readers, including *Where's Burgess?*, which was shortlisted for both the Chocolate Lily Award and the Silver Birch Award. She holds an MA in literature and creative writing from the University of Windsor in Ontario and has been published in several magazines and anthologies. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- In sweet, simple language, this book encourages outdoor play and exploration, highlighting the joys of nature and spending time with animals.
- Like Laurie Elmquist's previous board books, *Beach Baby*, *Forest Baby* and *City Baby*, this book emphasizes the relationships between the parent and baby and the environment and baby.
- *Beach Baby* received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly*.
- Award-winning illustrator Ellen Rooney brings the story to life with her bright colors and vibrant compositions.



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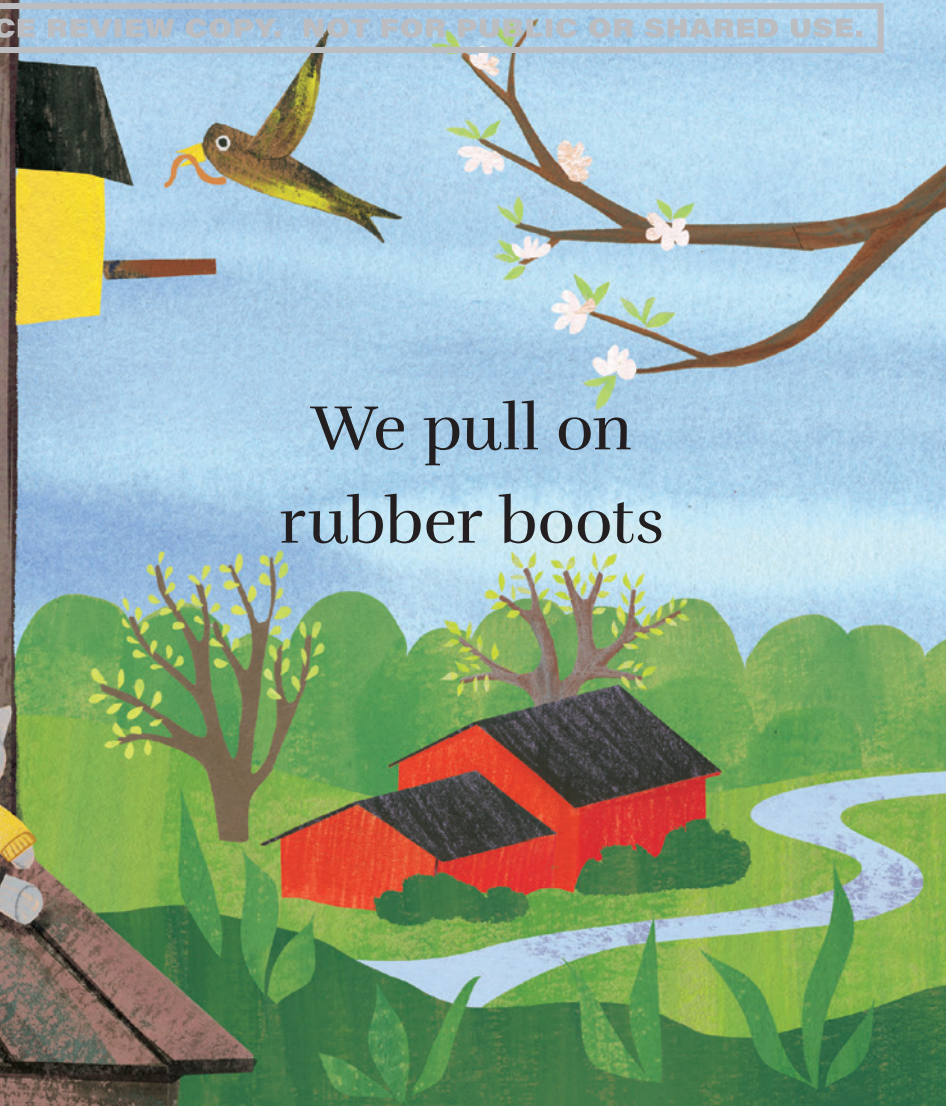
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We pull on
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Splash into puddles
with both feet



Look for
speckled eggs



The sheep's wool
is cozy-cozy



We push the wheelbarrow
over a bumpy path



Dig up carrots and give them a shake



Sugar munches and crunches





Back home
we hang
socks to dry



Mama runs a bath with bubbles



Tucks us in with
the stars and says
good night.



To Cohen and Cooper, my country babies. —L.E.

For Joanne. —E.R.

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