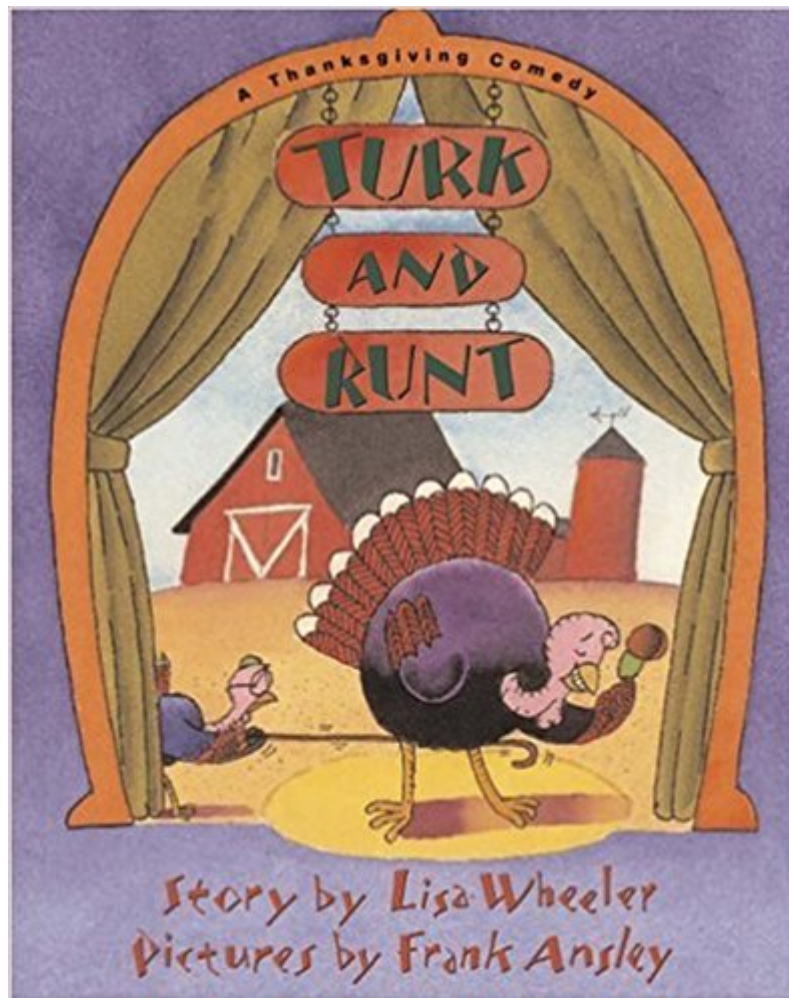




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Turk And Runt: A Thanksgiving Comedy



Synopsis

Turk's parents are proud of him, the biggest, strongest, most graceful bird at Wishbone Farm. "He's a dancer," says his mother. "He's an athlete," says his father. "He's a goner," says his little brother, Runt. But no one ever listens to Runt -- even after people with seasonal plans and roasting pans begin showing up at Wishbone Farm, or even after the juiciest turkeys are chosen, one by one. "Chosen for what?" Turk asks. No one wants to hear Runt's answer. But you will laugh at what he has to do to get his family's attention. They are, after all, turkeys.

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Customer Reviews

Wheeler and Ansley return to the comical family dynamics they related so successfully in *Wool Gathering* for this turkey tale set on Wishbone Farm. While Turk's parents cluck with pride over him, little brother Runt sees Turk's assets as liabilities ("`He's a dancer,' said his mother. `He's an athlete,' said his father. `He's a goner,' said... Runt. But no one ever listened to Runt"). The younger fowl continues his sarcastic asides as he scares off a football coach and a ballet instructor who admires Turk's legs ("Look at zee size of zose drumsticks!"), until finally his family sees the light. This funny tale may well make readers consider the fowl's side of the holiday; they may even spare the turkey. Ages 4-7. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 2-Turk is "the biggest, strongest, and most graceful bird on Wishbone Farm." His younger brother, "Runt," has figured out why people come to the farm in November, but no one wants to listen. Their mother thinks that a young turkey will be singled out to be "the lead dancer in Swan Lake," and their father believes the chosen one will "play in the Thanksgiving Day football game." Runt remains the voice of reason throughout, humorously hinting at the truth, while being disregarded by the others. Much to his parents' dismay, Runt is able to drive away customers who are interested in his tasty-looking big brother. One November day, a little old lady comes along who decides Runt is just the right size for her holiday table. As usual, nobody pays attention to his cries for help, until his burly brother finally catches on. Safe for the Thanksgiving holiday, the birds finally acknowledge Runt's intelligence, and work together come Christmastime. Ansley's pen-and-ink and watercolor cartoons are a riot and elevate the simple plot to high drama. A silly, but thoroughly enjoyable holiday selection.

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I love this book. I use it to teach many concepts like inference, show don't tell, strong adjectives etc. I would recommend this book to any elementary teacher.

Nice story. Entertaining for both child and parent. We originally checked this out at our local library, but we decided that it deserved a spot in our bookcase at home.

My grandkids and their parents @ all got a big kick out of this book -- they laughed and laughed :)

LOL! You have GOT to add this book to your library. Not only will it teach your child some good lessons - that not everything in life is as it seems but that family can stick together and when they do, it really is the best. This is a large book with great illustrations. Easy to read & your kids will smile from ear to ear.

This book is hilarious! I read this book every year in my kindergarten class and the kids just love it. For two years now I've used the book as the script for our class play. Its a great hit with parents and friends who come see the kids. There are also enough one or two liners so that the kids can memorize the parts. The story line is simple enough so young children can follow along but silly enough to engage all ages. My students and I give it two thumbs up each year.

Love this book! My class thought it was hilarious!

Perfect as a part of my classroom reading program.

What an awesome book! I first read it to my daughter three years ago. We had checked it out from the local library. Since that time my family and I were always quoting the funny lines from the book. Later we just couldn't remember the title until my recent search. This book is clever and entertaining. It's a must have for your children's book collection. I am sure the whole family will enjoy this one!

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