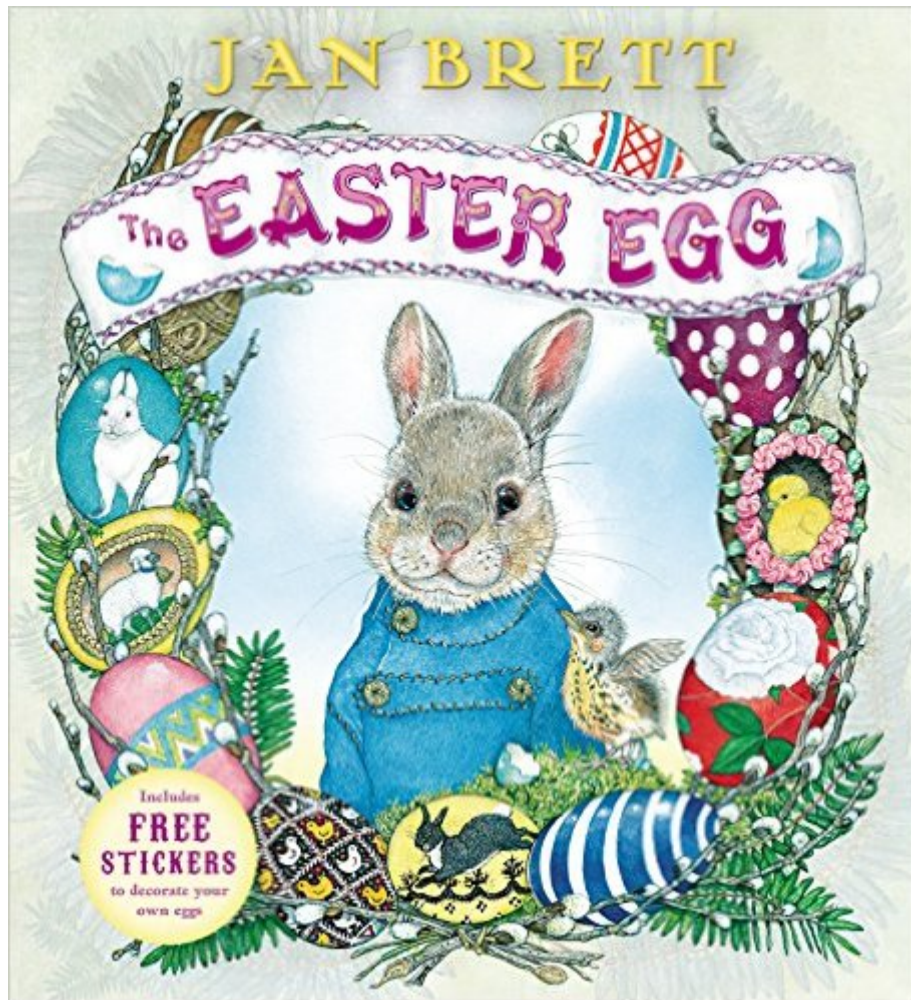


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# The Easter Egg



## Synopsis

Jan Brett's lovable bunny hero, Hoppi, and her remarkable Easter Rabbit will enchant readers as they pore over illustrations filled with dazzling eggs made by Flora Bunny, Aunt Sassyfrass and others. If Hoppi can make the best Easter egg, he will get to help the Easter Rabbit with his deliveries on Easter morning. But it is not so easy. Discouraged, he goes into the woods to think when a blue robin's egg tumbles out of its nest. Hoppi keeps it safe and warm until the baby bird hatches, and when the Easter Rabbit arrives, he declares the empty blue eggshell the very best one to reward Hoppi for his kindness. Spring is everywhere in gorgeous illustrations framed with pussy willows, flowering vines and flowers. Side borders feature busy rabbits making their unusual eggs and, in a border above, the Robin's family drama unfolds. A gatefold surprise reveals the Easter Rabbit.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

The story of little Hoppi trying to decide what type of egg to make is very sweet and full of good messages. Hoppi first thinks he will copy one of the types of eggs being made by the other bunnies but then decides that he needs to make an "egg that is right for me". As he thinks about what to do he realizes he doesn't have to win the contest and that he just wants "to make an egg I am proud of." Then he selflessly sits on the mother robin's dropped but unbroken egg so that she can sit on

the two that remain in her nest. This book is filled with messages that I am happy to share with my preschooler. It does not contain any explicit references to anything religious surrounding Easter so if you want that you should look for another book. The illustrations are up to Jan Brett's amazing, detailed, beautiful standards.

Jan Brett's books are guaranteed great collectable books. I can't think of another author with more beautiful illustrations than hers. All of my grandchildren love her books - some for the stories and some for the pictures, but I've never bought a Jan Brett book in which I was dissapointed. This one is no exception. My 3 year old Grandson loved it and now reads it to his little sister. We even play "I Spy" with the many facinating things to be "found" in the illustrations.

Plot: Rabbit Youngster seeks to create great egg artwork, but instead sits on a robin's egg until it hatches, and is rewarded by the Easter Bunny himself. WHY I PICKED IT UP: Jan Brett's latest? Of course! WHY I READ IT: This books is HORTON HATCHES THE EGG with illustrations by Jan Brett. Remember that elephant, Horton? Pick up the tale about him and Lazy Bird Daisy Bird who flies away to Palm Beach for a spree and sticks him with her egg. Dr. Seuss really puts Horton through the wringer in his tale, and his illustrations are much sparser than Brett's incredibly lush artwork but Horton is still fine reading. Interspecies egg hatching is retold every generation or two (Lionni: "Whoopsy, it's an alligator!"), but do your child a favor -- read him both versions. The truth? I haven't read Horton Hatches the Egg in twenty years and I just read THE EASTER EGG yesterday but Horton is still the more memorable character. But The Easter Egg is just in time for Easter, the artwork is superb, and the story is very nice. Read the endpapers on Brett's book too -- they'll explain why all her rabbits look so different. She's made a study of rabbit species, (did you know that Beatrix Potter had a real pet Peter Rabbit and autopsied it after it died?) and her verisimilitude shows in the fantastic detail which defines her style. Where is her Caldecott, anyway?

Jan Brett has long been my favorite children's author. Her books are not only fun to read, but also artistic treasures!! There is always so much going on in her illustrations, so much attention to detail. I love that she puts extra information in the small side pictures or in the scenes at the top of the pages, giving children a chance to see some action going on in the background or giving a preview of what's to come next. It's always fun to see how and where she has inserted her favorite animal (the hedgehog) into each of her books. The brilliant colors make her illustrations almost jump off the page - a nice contrast to her usual gentle story lines. I fell in love with this sweet bunny the first time

I read through the book!

I am an art teacher and her illustrations are a feast for the eyes--something worth letting my kids look at. Of course there is a plot and character lesson in the book as well. A great Easter gift for all ages.

I am a huge fan of Jan Brett. Her illustrations and stories are just the best. She does research on her subjects, and is a talented artist. I bought this for my little Granddaughter and I know she will love it. I can't wait to read it to her! I loved the different breeds of rabbits in this book, and the story is charming.

The illustrations in this book are simply beautiful--intricate, detailed paintings that a child could spend hours getting lost in. The story is about how one little bunny discovers his own, personal style instead of imitating what the other bunnies are doing--a gentle tale of becoming a unique individual and being valued for that individuality. It was a bit too old for the child for whom I purchased it, but she will grow into it.

This is our toddler's most favorite book, we opened it a week before Easter, but it really took a few weeks for the Easter Rabbit concept to take hold. She gets so excited that she can't stay still down, she must tell us about all the bunnies in the story and all the different kinds of eggs. She has also invented a place called "the Easter house" that we must go to and she tries to build it with her duplos.

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