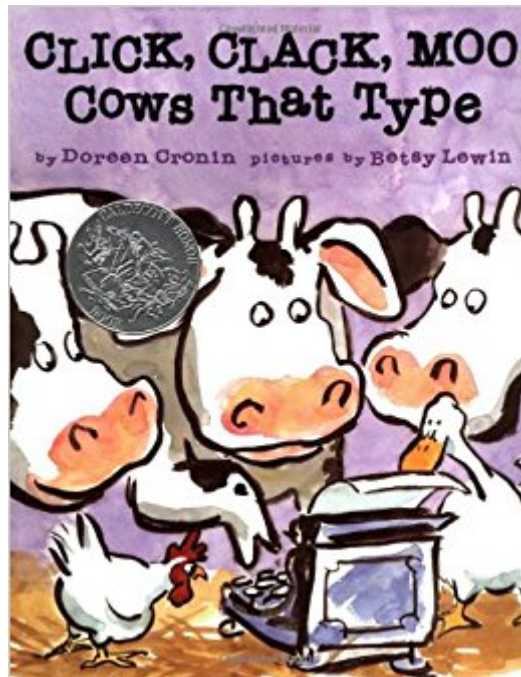




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Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type



Synopsis

The quirky, hilarious farmyard tale that started it all, from the New York Times bestselling duo of Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin! Farmer Brown has a problem. His cows like to type. All day long he hears Click, clack, MOO. Click, clack, MOO. Clickety, clack, MOO. But Farmer Brown's problems REALLY begin when his cows start leaving him notes.... Doreen Cronin's understated text and Betsy Lewin's expressive illustrations make the most of this hilarious situation. Come join the fun as a bunch of literate cows turn Farmer Brown's farm upside down.

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Customer Reviews

The literacy rate in Farmer Brown's barn goes up considerably once his cows find an old typewriter and begin typing. To the harassed farmer's dismay, his communicative cows quickly become contentious: Dear Farmer Brown, The barn is very cold at night. We'd like some electric blankets. Sincerely, The Cows When he refuses to comply with their demands, the cows take action. Farmer Brown finds another note on the barn door: "Sorry. We're closed. No milk today." Soon the striking cows and Farmer Brown are forced to reach a mutually agreeable compromise, with the help of an impartial party--the duck. But this poor, beleaguered farmer's "atypical" troubles are not over yet! This hilarious tale will give young rebels-in-the-making a taste of the power of peaceful protest and the satisfaction of cooperative give and take. Witty watercolors by award-winning illustrator Betsy

Lewin (Snake Alley Band, Araminta's Paint Box) will make this a favorite for one and all, even if words such as "ultimatum" and "neutral" throw the younger set. (Ages 5 to 8) --Emilie Coulter

Plucky barnyard denizens unite to improve their working conditions in this hilarious debut picture book from Cronin (appropriately enough, an attorney). Farmer Brown is dumbfounded when his cows discover an old typewriter in the barn and begin experimenting ("All day long he hears click, clack, moo. Click, clack, moo. Clickety clack moo"). Things really get out of hand when the cows began airing their grievances. Lewin (Araminta's Paint Box) conveys the fellow's shock as he reads: "Dear Farmer Brown, The barn is very cold at night. We'd like some electric blankets. Sincerely, The Cows." When Farmer Brown denies the cows' request, the bovine organizers go on strike. Through the use of the man's shadow, Lewin communicates his rage: the straw in his hat creates the appearance of his hair on end. With help from a neutral duck mediator, the exasperated Farmer Brown finally makes concessions. But, much to his dismay, the cows are not the only creatures that can type. Cronin humorously turns the tables on conventional barnyard dynamics; Lewin's bold, loose-lined watercolors set a light and easygoing mood that matches Farmer Brown's very funny predicament. Kids and underdogs everywhere will cheer for the clever critters that calmly and politely stand up for their rights, while their human caretaker becomes more and more unglued. Ages 3-7. (Feb.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I absolutely love this book. It is silly, fun to read, and very creative. The cows find a typewriter and type a demand for electric blankets... when the farmer refuses, the cows and hens go on strike and refuse to give the farmer milk or eggs. Finally both parties agree to an exchange of the typewriter for electric blankets and send the neutral ducks to oversee the exchanges.... the cows and hens are happy with their electric blankets but the neutral ducks take off with the type writer (which leads to the sequel to this book.) Overall this book has great repetitive phrases like clickity clack moo... etc. that make the book so unique and special plus help develop speech and technique. Plus, the book is pure enjoyment.

A set of cows leverage their means of production to work out a more satisfactory contract with a recalcitrant farmer. Many years after we read this to our kids, they told us that Orwell's "Animal Farm" reminded them of this book.

A little thinner and more fragile than I like in board books - it will not hold up to the odd bite or love

from a toddler, be warned - but the illustrations and story are cute. Seriously though, you don't want to hand this to a kid who hasn't learned to be gentle or handle books with care. My 13 mo old got it out of my hands for a second, mouthed the corner of the spine and the printed area/top layer of paper came right off.

As a lawyer who took labor law in law school, I love this book! I wish I would have had this for my exam because it pretty much sums up collective bargaining in a nutshell. Of course, I find it hilarious and cute. My son likes to point at the animals. It's a win-win. Although we did not have to negotiate that!

Such a great little story! I wanted to find some books that I would enjoy as a parent of a 12 month old (since I knew I would be reading it time and time again!). I went to Barnes and nobles and looked at some books. This is the first book I picked up where I was literally laughing out loud before I even got to the end! I then went on , found a great buy and there you go- now I'm having a good laugh during story time! This book is the perfect size for my sons hands and he enjoys turning the thicker pages. I recommend this book if not just for your child but for you as the parent! We all deserve to have a laugh every now and then!

One of the greatest children's books I own. It would be hard to teach a child to read with this book due to advanced language but it entertains me a lot. Plus, it's fun to say 'click, clack, moo" - my son always giggles at this part (he's 5 months old). I will be giving this to all of my friends.

Very cute story with some repetitive elements to help a child catch on. Purchased the board book version and am very happy with the quality.

I removed a star because the book arrived with the cover torn. Boo!Otherwise, great children's book - simple, cute art, humorous. Good story demonstrating being compensated for providing a service or product - and on protesting or striking in a peaceful way.

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