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We all know the joke. We've all told it. Kids love to tell it over and over and over again, with as many different punch lines as possible. And now we've found out that famous award-winning artists love to tell the joke too—and they have some wacky and downright hilarious ideas about why that chicken really did cross the road. Mo Willems's chicken confesses his motives to a police officer; David Shannon's chicken can drive a car; Marla Frazee's chicken is looking for a more luxurious coop; and Harry Bliss's chicken encounters aliens. And this is just the beginning. One thing is for sure—you won't cross this book without a good laugh!

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Beth says

Simply brilliant. 14 different illustrators answered the old riddle "Why did the chicken cross the road?" in 14 different ways. There's so much you could do with this in the classroom.

Sara says

This is a great picture book! Each page has a different picture book illustrator answering the main question. Classic!

CT Mahoney says

"Why did the Chicken Cross the Road," is picturebook that includes a number of authors/illustrators, which includes Marla Frazee, Mo Willems, Judy Schachner, Tedd Arnold, David Shannon, Jon Agee, Vladimir Radunsky, Jerry Pinkney, Chris Sheban, Harry Bliss, Mary Grandpre, Lunn Munsinger, David Catrow, and Chris Raschka. There is no real plot. The "story" is a comical look at the age-old joke: Why did the chicken cross the road? This book is interesting, in that, it includes various authors a chance to tell their own version of this joke from their perspective. Since taking a class in children's literature, and spending my Saturday afternoons in children's section of the public library just waiting for someone to ask me, "Ah, sir, where is your child?", I have begun to recognize many of the authors. This book had a great number of award winning authors/illustrators. Even if I didn't see the author's name, I could guess the author from the artwork. In that aspect, it reads like an art book of children's literature. It is a depiction of the joke from different perspectives. The audience seems to be varied because the jokes are understandable on all ages. On the last opening of picturebook are minor explanations for each of the author's take on the joke. In various text types, with the explanations, each author's works are listed. This is helpful in finding new authors. It is a really fun book that can be read/enjoyed by any audience.

Diana Thomsen says

Fun! Useless as a read-aloud (many pages are wordless), but SO worth the time to read alone or with a bonus reader or two. The answers to this question are brilliantly and uniquely answered by some of the best illustrators on the planet. Highly recommended.

Taylor Kundel-Gower says

I really enjoyed seeing all of the different chickens created by these well known illustrators!

Lauren Wenberg says

Use for engaging boys and girls that like joke books. Can use for writing genre study. Great pictures. Encourages deep and unique thinking.

Jenn Cavanaugh says

More for the connoisseurs than for the kids, but I liked it.

Jennifer says

I love how they used so many famous illustrators and had each page show a different answer for why the chicken crossed the road. Mo Willems, David Shannon, and the creator of Fly Guy were all included.

Karla Winick-Ford says

well, duh. (lol) she was de-ranged (rotfl)... must ask the mutated zombie chickens from mars...

the collection of authors didn't foul this up... it could be used as a great teaching tool to explain perspective and imagination. LOVED IT.

Kimberli says

Get ready for lots of laughs when you read Why Did The Chicken Cross The Road? Believe me, you are in for a real treat because fourteen of the most funniest and talented artists fabricated their own illustrations about the age-old chicken crossing the road joke. There aren't many words in the book, however the pictures leave much to the imagination. Several selections are sweet and whimsical like Vladimir Radunsky's and Jerry Pinkney's. Others have sly twists on the joke's words like Mo Willems' and Marla Frazee's. More contemplative, evocative selections are contributed by Mary Grandpre and Chris Raschka. This book is lots of fun and demonstrates the impressive artistic range and talent featured in today's picture books.

Chad Seavers says

super fun book. not many words but the art is great. every picture is a different art style. it makes the book unique.

Deana says

This is a big year for poultry. The first of two avian stories had me laughing out loud. Agee gives a bevy of highly talented children's illustrators free plume to answer the age-old question- "Why did the chicken cross the road?" They all succeed with multi-layered humor that will appeal to both adults and kids. This book also offers an excellent chance to get to know some of the best authors/illustrators in contemporary children's literature.

Pamela says

Pretty interesting. I couldn't quite believe I was spending all this time reading bout CHICKENS!! But I kept reading.

Brindi Michele says

I really enjoyed the variety celebrating these illustrators :)

Ashley says

14 children book illustrators answer this question. It's fun!
