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For over twenty years, the inspired silliness of Janet Stoeke's Minerva Louise series has captured imaginations and tickled funny bones. Now the book that introduced the feather-brained fowl is back and just as hilarious as ever. From the flowerpot Minerva uses as a comfy seat to the tricycle she mistakes for a tractor, the daffy details of this clever story are truly memorable. An all-new cover design makes this the perfect introduction for the next generation of Minerva fans.

Minerva Louise Details

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Olivia Slykhuis says

Very short, not a lot of words, but the story and pictures are so sweet! Can't wait to read the rest of the series!

Becky says

First sentence: Minerva Louise loved the house with the red curtains.

Premise/plot: Minerva Louise explores the house with the red curtains in this picture book. It is the first in a series starring this lovable hen. She may not be the smartest chicken, but, she may be the funniest. For example, "a comfortable chair...and friendly cows." The chair is a flower pot. The 'friendly cow' is a kitten.

My thoughts: I like this one very much. I don't know if I love, love, love Minerva Louise yet. But. I am curious about this CURIOUS chicken. I want to see what other types of adventures she has. Will definitely be returning to the library for more!

Text: 4 out of 5

Illustrations: 5 out of 5

Total: 9 out of 10

Kelly says

Pure. Sweet.

Vivian says

Minerva Louise, the hen's version of Amelia Bedelia, is so fun for young children because they know, for instance, that a fireplace is NOT a nest, a flower pot is not a chair, and a cat is not a cow. They enjoy correcting this silly chicken.

Luisa Knight says

Oh. my. cuteness.

If you haven't been introduced to this loopy and lovable hen, then you've been missing out! She's just as fun and silly as Amelia Bedelia, but with a humor that the younger kiddos will get. A favorite character for sure!

Ages: 2 - 6

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Casandria says

So silly and fun! This book never gets old :)

Michelle says

So cute!!!

Catherine says

Minerva Louise has a comical experience when she wanders into the farm house with the red curtains. As she misunderstands many things that she sees, young children will laugh as they understand her mistakes. The whole series of books are attractive and appealing to young children. I wish every young child would have the opportunity to experience the simple text and illustrations. Good stuff!

June says

I find Stoek's simple style appropriate for Toddler Time, however, I might need to move it up to Story Time. I had a few older kids come to PJ Story Time for once and they got the jokes, while I think that most might go over toddler's heads. 4/10/12

Maybe it works with smaller groups of younger kids. I had a small PJ Story Time and I discussed it a bit more with one of my regulars, who wasn't too shy and she responded well to it. 4/29/13

Went over better than Hattie and the Fox, since it is not as long and some of the older toddlers got some of the jokes.

Lindsay says

I love the Minerva Louise books! (Yes, there is more than one.)

I always seem to have a lot of luck reading chicken stories to children. I read this to a daycare class of three- and four-year-olds, and they loved telling me the real names of the things the hen Minerva Louise thinks she was seeing when she explores a house. For example, Minerva Louise "sees" a tractor, but it's actually a bike, etc. The story really helps encourage vocabulary and knowing the differences between things.

I have done a chicken theme for story time at the library, but I haven't used this book yet. I'll definitely be starring it as a must for the next chicken-themed bilingual story time I do.

Melinda Christensen says

Minerva Louise is a hen that loves the outside. However, one day she looked inside the house and hopped in the window, finding items she thought were perfect. But she was confused; she couldn't find anyone to play with. Find out what she does next! The drawings are excellent.

Raina says

Since this book was originally published, Minerva Louise has appeared in a bouquet of friendly picture books. In this introduction to the character, our hen interprets the sights within a house through the lens of her normal view outdoors. A tricycle is a tractor. A bedspread is a field of flowers. Stoeke effortlessly depicts a friendly way to encounter newness. The illustrations are framed in rough rectangles on white pages, and the text is written in a large font at the bottom of each page. All of the objects are simply drawn, with easy lines and bright colors. A practiced provider of group storytimes will wish each picture filled more of the page (to be more easily seen across a room), but lap-sharing children will enjoy the subtlety, as they get to discover each new misunderstanding. Minerva Louise's story is a classic in the most deserving sense.

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Leah says

Adorable!

Amanda says

I love this chicken! Minerva Louise is one of my favorite characters, and I have several of the books she's featured in. Her initial story fit perfectly with our chicken-themed story time, and my 3-5 kiddos loved her. Can't wait to feature her again!

Rebecca says

This seems like it would be a fun book to read to toddlers.
