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Review

"Cheerful farm-set illustrations with fine black lines and washes of color add humor to Donkey-donkey's plight. Duvoisin's 'be yourself' message is as relevant today as it was in the eighty-three years since the book's original publication." —Elissa Gershowitz, *The Horn Book Magazine*

"You will want to find a copy of this one. It's *funny*...a delight." —Julie Danielson, *Kirkus*

"The message of this story is that it's best to be oneself, and Caldecott Medal-winning Duvoisin delivers it with compassion and humor, without being sentimental. He knows how to pace a story, give rhythm to the language, and create inviting, bold illustrations."—Isabel Baker and Miriam Baker Schiffer, *Young Children*

"[A] delightful book: the pictures...make the point vividly clear even to a very small child."—*New Statesman*

About the Author

Roger Duvoisin (1900–1980) was born to a French Swiss family in Geneva. He graduated from the École des Arts et Métiers and the École des Beaux-Arts in Geneva and early in his career worked as a mural and stage-set painter before settling on textile design. In the late 1920s, he immigrated to the United States, where he soon began writing and illustrating children's books. The author of more than forty of his own books, Duvoisin also collaborated with many writers, including his wife, Louise Fatio Duvoisin, and Alvin Tresselt, with whom he won a Caldecott Award for *White Snow, Bright Snow* in 1948 and the Caldecott Honor Award for *Hide and Seek Fog* in 1966. Today he is best known for *Petunia*, the story of a not-so-silly silly goose.

The New York Review Children's Collection will publish Duvoisin's *The House of Four Seasons* and *The Frog in the Well* in the coming seasons.

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