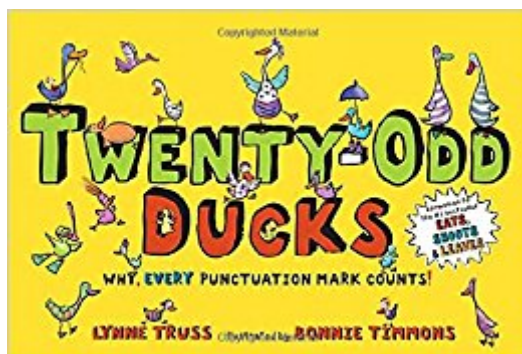


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# Twenty-Odd Ducks: Why, Every Punctuation Mark Counts!



## Synopsis

Commas and apostrophes aren't the only punctuation marks that can cause big trouble if they're put in the wrong place. Now, Truss and Timmons put hyphens, parentheses, quotation marks, periods, and more in the spotlight, showing how which marks you choose and where you put them can cause hilarious mix-ups.

## Book Information

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Grade 3  
•This follow-up to *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* (about the importance of commas) (2006) and *The Girl's Like Spaghetti* (about apostrophes) (2007, both Putnam) emphasizes the importance of punctuation in general. Truss again makes the case that careless application can dramatically change one's meaning. To prove her point, she provides contrasting examples of the same sentence, punctuated in different ways. Timmons's charming watercolors make the change in meaning clearer. In one example, a child gazes at a tower of presents obscuring a Christmas tree, and Truss writes, "Do you know who came last night? Santa Claus,' said my mom." On the facing page, Santa addresses his elves-"Do you know who came last night?' Santa Claus said. 'My mom.'" (Needless to say, no pile of presents accompanies the arrival of Santa's mom.) In each example, the pertinent punctuation marks are printed in red. An afterword provides additional explanation for each pair of examples. The references to royalty and Christian tradition point to the book's British origin, but Truss's examples should still be clear to North

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Buy all of Lynne Truss's books. Seriously! Okay, I'm a grammar nerd, I admit it. I got Eats, Shoots and Leaves and just loved it. Then, I learned about her "picture books." These visually show the difference in meaning of a hyphen or period or other punctuation. You can look at pictures side by side--same sentence, different punctuation. Perfect for all classrooms, great gift for coworkers, even college students. Great for grammar lesson plans (have kids make and draw their own). Just remember that there are a few differences between English grammar rules in America and the UK.

Going to be a great book to review with my 5th graders in a more humorous way why punctuation matters!

I bought this book to visually teach the difference between using punctuation in certain spots. It does the trick, even in adult learning environments! Opposite pages illustrate visually the difference between using punctuation in certain spots, and though it's illustrated with cartoons, the humor makes it a universal tool. Great book!

My students (English learner high school kids at an alternative charter school) love this book. It helps them to understand the importance of punctuation marks and entertains them at the same time.

I bought this book, along with several others in the series, for use in homeschooling my daughter. The series is excellent to have around for spontaneous reading. It helps with identification of proper punctuation, while simultaneously helping children work out different word meanings. Great for elementary brain processes. I was very happy with all of this series.

Great price used. Bought as an office resource to help my COLLEGE students learn to use correct

punctuation.

Great visual to help children learn about punctuation; doesn't seem the schools spend much time on writing sentences anymore. The nation will end up with kids who can only text.

Ostensibly written for kids, it's just as meaningful and useful for adults. If I were a teacher, I'd make this mandatory reading, along with "The Girl's Like Spaghetti".

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