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Schnäddi & Höppi Publishing House from Winterthur /
Switzerland

Daredevil rabbit meets clumsy waddeling duck

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Children who listen to the audio book “The Adventures of Schnäddi and Höppi” decide on the main character with which they can identify depending on personality – either the bold and adventurous rabbit Höppi, or the clumsy waddeling duck Schnäddi. Once that’s decided, all await the 120 pages of the duo’s adventures with sheer excitement.

Encouraging reading sounds good. But where are they - the 20-plus page stories aimed at the over 5's that we know and love from Preussler, Funke, Kordon and co?

“The adventures of Schnäddi & Höppi” is a captivating tale of adventure – without the often tedious tempo typical of our media age. Here, the child is able to learn how to listen, enjoy the details, contemplate and consider images, whilst also finding out new facts such as what fool’s gold actually is or where the North Star can be found in the sky. It does not always need to be an information-orientated text book. Sometimes a contemplative style of story-telling with delightful language and with the courage to describe emotions and sentiments can be equally valuable.

The illustrations of the renowned illustrator of books for children and young people, Bernhard Oberdieck, are extremely loving and idyllic by design. He has been illustrating books for over twenty years, for German and foreign publishers. With variations in the characters’ voices, the “Schnäddi und Höppi” text is particularly well suited for playback. Much to the joy of young listeners!

It is thus delightful that a second "Schnäddi und Höppi" recording is due for release in the foreseeable future. After all, how else could one console one's child at the end of the book?

The story is not only available as a book but also on an entertaining CD with superb effects and wonderfully clear and yet charming voices with mild Swiss tones. The audio book is based on a special audio play version of the story, brought convincingly to life by renowned voices, which provide a welcome compliment to the children's book.

The adventures of Schnäddi & Höppi, 120 pages, 33 illustrations, Winterthur 2008, ISBN 978-3-033-01544-9, Schnäddi & Höppi Verlag, Tösstalstrasse 99, CH-8400 Winterthur / Switzerland is available as a book and an audio book (approx. 80 minutes playing time). Anyone who is intrigued to discover more about Schnäddi and Höppi can scroll and browse through their homepage at www.schnaeddiundhoeppi.ch. Those with questions on the two friends should please write to: info@schnaeddiundhoeppi.ch.

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