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There's a new guy in town, and Pete can't wait to meet him. After all, more friends means more fun. But who can he be?

When Pete finally meets Gus, he realizes they're very different from each other. But that's what makes him cool: Gus is special in his own way, just like Pete and just like you, and there is something everyone can do!

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Sunah Chung says

In the town where Pete the Cat and his friends live, the new guy, Gus the Platypus, just moved in. Pete walked with Gus to play and tried to find what they could enjoy doing together. After several trials of climbing a tree and jumping, they found that playing a band is the one they could do together.

The story included friendship and positive attitudes to being different. Pete and his friends welcomed the new neighbor and wanted to include him when they were playing. This would be a good lesson for young readers. However, I expected to see something that Gus the Platypus could do well with others concerning his physical characteristics. All the previous examples were related to the physical features of each animal. For instance, Squirrel and Pete could climb the tree with ease while Gus could not. The grumpy Toad and Pete could jump high while Gus could not. In this sense, I expected that Gus could swim with Toad pretty well instead of jumping. And then, they could find other things to do together. The story jumps into the talents of playing an instrument that all the characters in this story could participate in and enjoy. Luckily, no ones' roles are overlapped in this band.

Stephanie Fujii says

The overall message of this book is cute. Reading it to Amaya, though, the rhyming was really muddled. It was clearly meant to rhyme, but I couldn't really get the rhythm as it kept changing. That really bugs me in a kids book. I know how ridiculous that sounds. But - that's real life. Have a consistent rhyme scheme.

Benji Martin says

Sigh, when Eric Litwin and James Dean parted ways, this series went down the toilet hole. This book has a good message, but bad, bad execution.

Jeimy says

Pete the Cat is back! This time he helps Gus the platypus, the new neighbor, find what he is good at so that he can play with Pete and his friends.

Iris says

Book Review of: Pete the Cat and the New Guy

This book is about Pete, a cat who is with his friends playing their new rock song when they hear a noise. The next day a new friend comes to meet Pete and he just moved yesterday; his name is Gus. The problem is

when they go playing Gus is not good at anything. Will Gus be able to do anything with his new friends? I like this book and I would recommend it for students/kids who don't feel in the group with their friends. I would recommend this book to kindergartners or kids/students who are learning how to read. The pictures could be there to help understand the story. I like this book because there are a little bit of rimes and it is a little funny.

Ama says

Barely 2 stars. The magic of the first three Pete the Cat books was missing from the most recent two: Pete the Cat and his Magic Sunglasses and this title, Pete the Cat and the New Guy. Even the illustrations are subpar compared to the original. So sad.

Kim says

Students love Pete the Cat, and this is no exception. Pete is a cool cat who dresses in over-sized sneakers. The words are rhyming and the colors are bright and bold, eye-catching to all students. In this story, Pete can do some things easily, while his new friend Gus, the Platypus can't seem to do those same things as easily. Pete teaches Gus that there is something that everyone can do well. It's an overall lesson in being aware and appreciative of differences in others.

Laura says

Pete, I love you and your white shoes. Please give the frequent, increasingly mediocre follow ups a rest.

On a more personal note, the librarian at my public library baby storytime read this one to a dozen babies under the age of 2 today. It did NOT go over well with either the little ones or their parents.

Dana says

oh, Pete the Cat....you used to be cool! What happened to Eric Litwin?!?

Heidi-Marie says

While I know the Pete the Cat books have little lessons within about positive attitudes and such, this one was just a tad more didactic in getting along, accepting differences (and limitations), and finding things in common with others. Still worked, but it's not my favorite Pete the Cat. This would have been great in my recent music-theme. But could still work in a Friends theme, or animal theme, or even a platypus theme. (I know another 1 or 2 with a platypus character.)

Riley Dean says

"Don't be sad, don't be blue. There is something everyone can do."

Phyllis says

My preschooler loves Pete the Cat!!! I enjoy reading these stories!

Rebekah Mitchell says

Summary:

One normal day. Pete the cat was jammin' out in a band with his friends. All of a sudden, there was a new guy! He was an animal they had never seen before, but being different is cool. The only problem is that the new guy was not very good at some of the regular things that Pete and his friends did. But fear not, because everyone's good at doing something! Pete, the new guy, and his friends are on a mission to find something fun that they could all do together.

Evaluation:

This is a great book for children because it promotes inclusiveness and individuality. Pete said, "You're not like me and I'm not like you, but I think being different is really very cool." (p. 10). The reader can make a connection with the book characters about finding what things they are good at, and celebrating how they are unique.

Teacher Recommendation:

This book is a great resource for teaching students about accepting others' differences, and working to include others. I would read the book aloud, and then have a collaborative discussion with my students. Afterwards, they could make posters about their strengths and weaknesses, and then I might create groups based on similar strengths or interests.

Karen says

I am so, so sorry die-hard fans of Pete the Cat. This series needs to end. Right now. Before another horribly written book is published.

Pete still looks great, but my kid told better (and more grammatically correct) stories when he was four.

(Eric Litwin, you are SO missed.)

Marguarite Markley says

Well...I think it's safe to say I'm done with Pete the Cat. The storylines have become "schooly" and the rhymes do not flow well. Stop writing these books now.
