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Four Legs Bad, Two Legs Good!
D. B. Johnson

Welcome to No-Man Farm, where Orvie, the incredibly lazy pig, rules over all of the other animals. And what gives him such authority? Orvie can walk on two legs, and that makes him better than all of the other animals. Or does it?

Four Legs Bad, Two Legs Good! (September; Houghton Mifflin) by the celebrated author and illustrator D. B. Johnson is a lively take on George Orwell’s classic Animal Farm. This time, a plucky duck brings a joyful transformation to the farm—and to Orvie!

Filled with all of the vibrancy and fun that readers have come to expect from the award-winning author of the Henry books, Four Legs Bad, Two Legs Good! is a new spin on a classic from literature and gives it fresh personality and life. Kids always adore Johnson’s zany characterizations, and parents will love the underlying message of teamwork and equality that Johnson so deftly conveys.

D. B. Johnson has been a freelance illustrator for more than twenty years. Mr. Johnson’s first picture book, Henry Hikes to Fitchburg, was a New York Times bestseller, a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year 2000, a School Library Journal Best Book of the Year 2000, a New York Times Best Illustrated Book, a Booklist Editors’ Choice 2000, and the winner of the 2000 Boston Globe–Horn Book Award. Three Henry books have appeared on the New York Times bestseller list and have received rave reviews on NPR from Daniel Pinkwater in addition to numerous other awards and accolades. Mr. Johnson and his wife, Linda, live in New Hampshire. For more information on Mr. Johnson, you can visit www.dbjohnsonart.com.

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Farmer Orvie isn’t much of a farmer. For one thing, he’s a pig. For another, he can’t do anything for himself and is always ordering the other animals about. And what makes Orvie the farmer? He can walk on two legs and he says that makes him better. But there is another animal on the farm who can walk on two legs, and she schemes to show Orvie a thing or two about being in charge.

In this picture book, as well as in the ones has written about Henry David Thoreau, D.B. Johnson continues, with simplicity and humor, to draw children to the complex ideas in great works of literature.

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This spring, D.B. Johnson is available to discuss this wonderful new addition to his celebrated body of work.