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Julia Donaldson chose Bonwill's first book about Hugo and Bella, **I Don't Want to Be a Pea**, as one of her favourite picture books of 2011, and this follow-up is just as enchanting. Conducted entirely in conversation, in two different fonts, the book develops the theme of copying, all-be-it that the adoring Bella (the bird) only wants to be like Hugo (the hippo). Bella just loves - and copies - everything about Hugo, his hat, goggles, flippers and even his armbands! Whilst Bella loudly proclaims her admiration for his moves, Hugo continues practising for his water ballet?. grumbling, for he had intended it a solo performance. The relationship between the two creatures is hilarious, developed further by the illustrations, simple, bold lines outlining each character. Hugo proclaims his talents are unique, and Bella agrees, yes, they are, whilst copying him in every move! But finally it is their joint performance that is loudly applauded. A very funny tale, which also reminds readers of the relationship between hippos and birds in the wild.

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