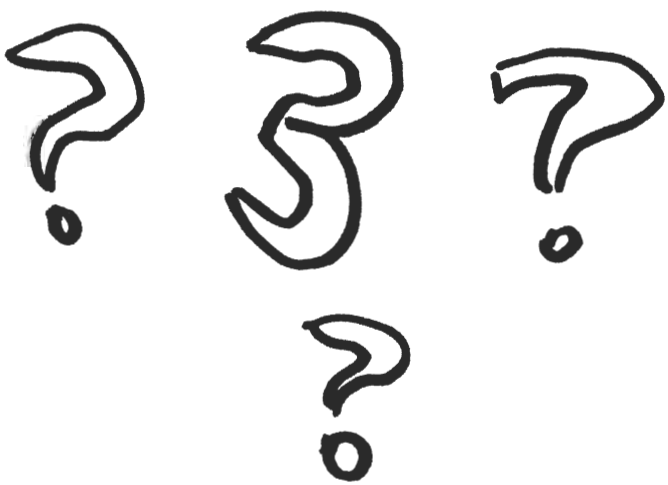
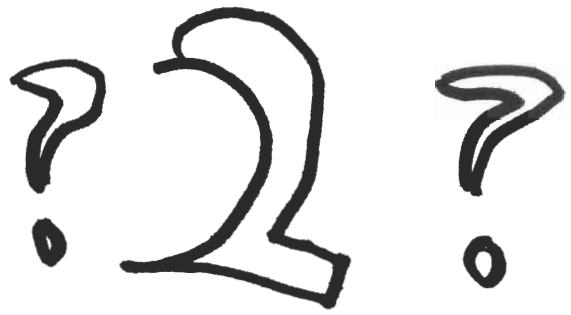


The title of my book is The Quicksand Question. The author is Ron Roy and the illustrator is John Gurney. The three main characters in my book are Josh, Dink and Ruth Rose. They live in the town of Green Lawn. The town has problems with the ducks crossing the road. The ducks almost get hit by the cars. The town decides to build a duck bridge so they don't hit the ducks crossing the road. Everyone in the town raises money for the duck bridge. The money is kept in a duck bank which is kept at the fire station.

Josh, Dink and Ruth Rose were having a sleep over in Josh's barn. They were counting their money that they collected for the duck bridge before they went to sleep. Something woke Dink up. He saw car headlights in the meadow. He went back to sleep. Later, the animals woke him up again. He smelled smoke. It was a fire in the meadow. The fire fighters came to put out the fire. The next day the kids went to the fire station to put their money in the duck bank. The duck bank was missing.

Josh, Dink and Ruth Rose started getting clues together to solve the mystery. The first clue was a piece of wood that they found in the fire. It had the letters "ET CO" on it. The second clue was from a man in the town. His name was Mr Pocket. He said he saw a jeep last night. It was going very fast and he thought he saw the jeep go in the river. The kids went to the river to look for more clues.





The man who took the bank was actually the man who was walking his dog. His name was Mr. Pocket. He was a race car driver. That night he stole the duck bank he was asleep and he didn't know that he stole it. The next morning, he felt funny and he noticed that he was rich. The next night, he decided to return the duck bank. He was racing through the town and he did not notice a sign that said "Caution". He was changing the station on the radio, and the water was up on the road. So, he slid and went into the quicksand. Soon, the three kids saw the man in the water. They also saw the duck bank in his hands. He told them the whole story. Then he returned the duck bank.

The boys went into the water. Suddenly they got stuck. It was quicksand! Josh felt something sharp in the quicksand. Ruth Rose ran to get help. The boys got out of the quicksand. Josh told the firefighters that he found the jeep in the quicksand. When they got the jeep out they found the duck bank and they also found an apron that had the owner's name on it. He worked at the supermarket. He started the fire in the meadow with wood that he got from the supermarket. The police found the criminal in the supermarket.

The man who took the bank was actually the man who was walking his dog. His name was Mr. Pocket. He's the one who told the police about seeing the jeep going fast and he thought he saw the jeep go in the water. He built a robot of himself and the robot recorded the jeep getting away with the duck bank. So he watched the movie and told the kids and the police what the robot saw. The next day he went for a swim. He went out too far, then he noticed he was sinking. He screamed for help. The kids saved him. Then the kids followed him to his jeep. They found the duck bank there. The police came and arrested him.