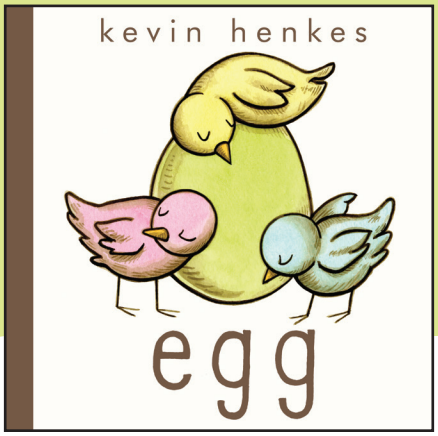


EGG

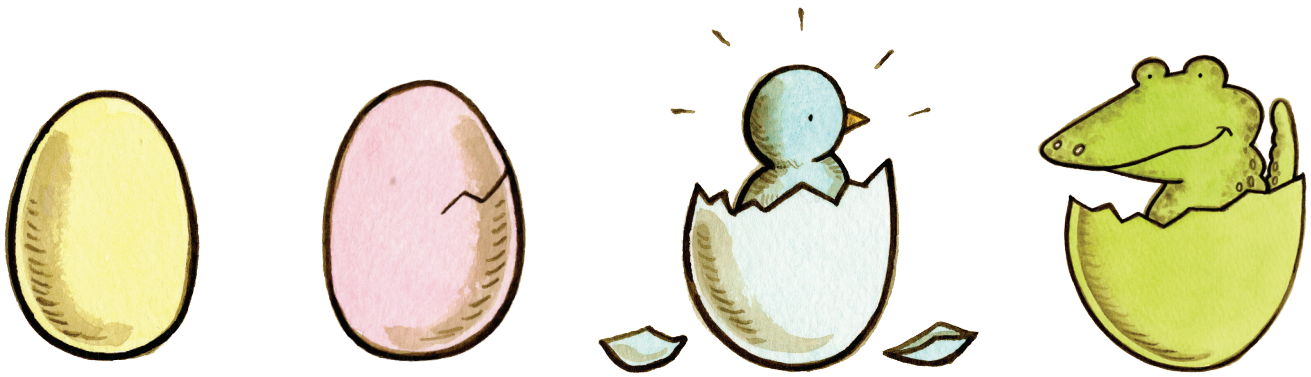
BY KEVIN HENKES

ABOUT THE BOOK

Meet four eggs. One is blue, one is pink, one is yellow, and one is green. Three of the eggs hatch, revealing three baby birds who fly away. But the green egg does not hatch. Why not? When the three birds return to investigate, they're in for a big surprise! What will happen next?

STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **TELL IT LIKE IT IS:** As you turn the pages, ask the children to tell the story, drawing conclusions from the illustrations about what is happening in the book.
- **WHAT'S IN THERE?:** After the first three eggs hatch, ask children to predict what will hatch from the fourth egg. They can draw their predictions on a blank egg template.
- **SYNONYMS MEAN THE SAME:** Discuss what a synonym is, and point out the synonyms on the page showing the alligator's feelings (alone/lonely, sad/miserable). Ask children to come up with synonyms for key words, such as big (large, enormous, huge), run (dart, race, sprint), or talk (chat, speak, say).
- **WHO ELSE HATCHES?:** Read a nonfiction book or visit a website to learn about other animals that lay eggs. Make a chart to display the findings.
- **HOW DO YOU FEEL?:** Discuss the characters' feelings throughout the story and list names of feelings on a chart. The birds are surprised and frightened, but then curious. The alligator is lonely and sad, but then happy.



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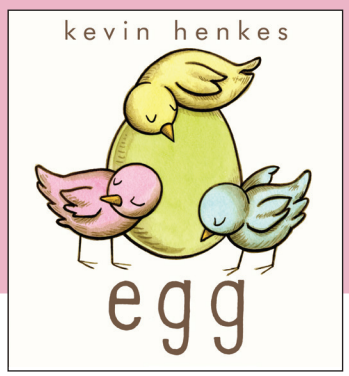
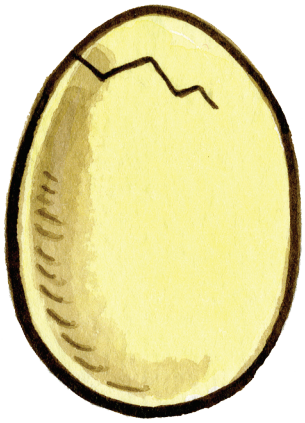


THE LIFE OF AN EGG

In *Egg*, four eggs are waiting to hatch. Put the pictures of the hatching eggs in the right order by writing the numbers 1—4 in the space provided.



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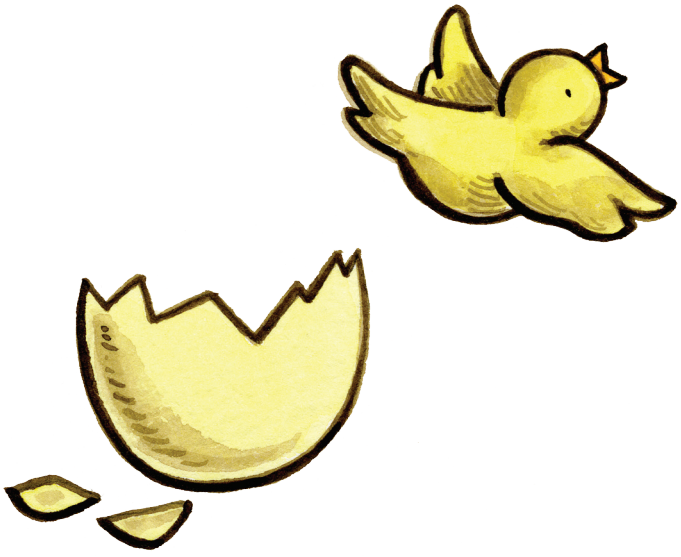

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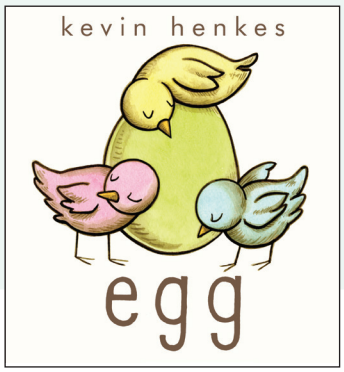

EGG DECORATING

Decorate your own Kevin Henkes–inspired egg by using crayons, markers, or colored pencils to draw in the lines below!

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