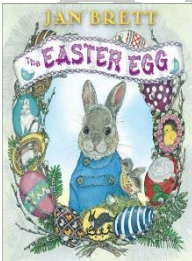




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Teacher's Book Review**



***The Easter Egg, Jan Brett***  
**Reviewed by Ms. Cosgrove, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

One of the features I most appreciate about children's picture books is how often a very simple narrative becomes the vessel which contains a very profound truth. This lovely children's story focuses on a little bunny who is competing in a contest to create the most beautiful egg to be judged by the Easter Rabbit, himself. The bunny who decorates the winning egg gets to help the Easter Rabbit hide the eggs on Easter morning. Little Hoppi visits all the other contestants who quite happily offer assistance and materials to him. As the recipient of all this good will and guidance, it looks like Hoppi might have an advantage until he encounters another small creature who needs his help. The book starts off being about competition and then explores the role of co-operation and finally offers an inspiring message about empathy and duty.

The illustrations in this book are exquisitely detailed. Each double page is framed with an elaborate border. The theme supports the gospel message of the liturgical season, translated into language that children will easily recognize and understand. It would be a wonderful book for staff to share with their children at home or students to share with their little brothers and sisters.