"The Ugly Duckling" is a story about the troubles and sufferings of a young swan that got hatched from an egg in a duck's nest. He was marked as different and there all of his troubles started. He was humiliated in many ways and abused which ended up with him not trusting himself.

Book Summary. Finally, the beautiful summer has arrived and the reader can see the woods and the lakes inside the woods. On a sunny meadow, we have a house that can remind us of a fortress. The ugly gray Duckling swam with them. No, it's not a turkey, said she; look how well it can use its legs, and how straight it holds itself. It is my own child! The other ducklings are graceful enough, said the old Duck. Make yourself at home; and if you find an eel's head, you may bring it me. And now they were at home. But the poor Duckling which had crept last out of the egg, and looked so ugly, was bitten and pushed and jeered, as much by the ducks as by the chickens. It is too big! they all said. And the turkey-cock, who had been born with spurs, and therefore thought himself an emperor, blew himself up like a ship in full sail, and bore straight down upon it; then he gobbled and grew quite red in the face. "The Ugly Duckling is a 1999 adaption of the classic Hans Christian Andersen story by Jerry Pinkney. It is about a cygnet born amongst ducklings that is bullied, runs away, and eventually grows into a beautiful swan. Common Sense Media, in a review of The Ugly Duckling, wrote "Illustrator Jerry Pinkney's descriptive passages resonate with the splendor of nature's beauty.” and “The subtle details incorporated into the scenes .. will encourage children to take another look at this old and familiar story "The Ugly Duckling" (Danish: Den grimme Ælling) is a literary fairy tale by Danish poet and author Hans Christian Andersen (1805–1875). It was first published on 11 November 1843 in New Fairy Tales. First Collection, with three other tales by Andersen in Copenhagen, Denmark to great critical acclaim. The tale has been adapted to various media including opera, musical, and animated film. The tale is an original story by Andersen."