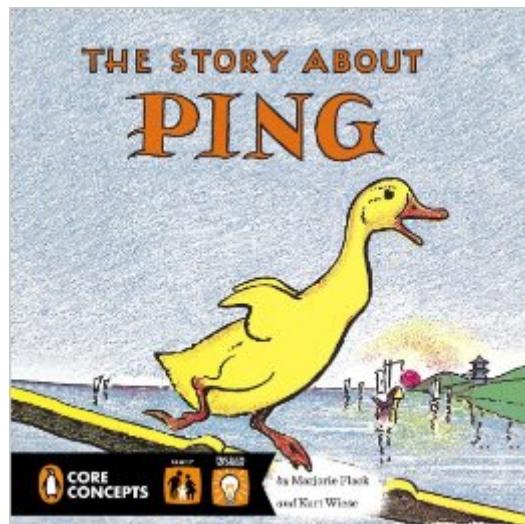


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The Story About Ping (Penguin Core Concepts)



Synopsis

The Story About Ping® covers the concepts Family and Problem Solving.® This classic children's book was first published in 1933 and is still as delightful and relevant as ever. Ping's owner takes him and his siblings to the river for dinner. When it's time to go, Ping is the last duck in the water and, as such, will receive a spanking. To avoid punishment, he hides only to be captured the next morning by a young boy for his family's dinner. Finally Ping is set free, and when he sees his master's boat, the last thing he fears is a spanking he's just thankful to be home!

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Customer Reviews

PING! The magic duck! Using deft allegory, the authors have provided an insightful and intuitive explanation of one of Unix's most venerable networking utilities. Even more stunning is that they were clearly working with a very early beta of the program, as their book first appeared in 1933, years (decades!) before the operating system and network infrastructure were finalized. The book describes networking in terms even a child could understand, choosing to anthropomorphize the underlying packet structure. The ping packet is described as a duck, who, with other packets (more ducks), spends a certain period of time on the host machine (the wise-eyed boat). At the same time each day (I suspect this is scheduled under cron), the little packets (ducks) exit the host (boat) by way of a bridge (a bridge). From the bridge, the packets travel onto the internet (here embodied by

the Yangtze River). The title character -- er, packet, is called Ping. Ping meanders around the river before being received by another host (another boat). He spends a brief time on the other boat, but eventually returns to his original host machine (the wise-eyed boat) somewhat the worse for wear. If you need a good, high-level overview of the ping utility, this is the book. I can't recommend it for most managers, as the technical aspects may be too overwhelming and the basic concepts too daunting.

Problems With This Book

As good as it is, *The Story About Ping* is not without its faults. There is no index, and though the ping(8) man pages cover the command line options well enough, some review of them seems to be in order. Likewise, in a book solely about Ping, I would have expected a more detailed overview of the ICMP packet structure.

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