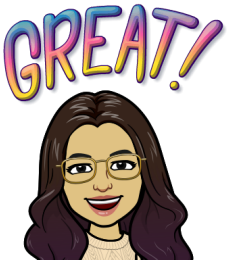
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Louis the Goal Setter

The surprised parents wondered, "Why couldn't our swan talk?" We don't know why the young swan couldn't talk. This is the story of *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White. This is a fictional story with talking and writing swans. This story teaches us not to judge from what you see at first. You see a swan with a trumpet and chalkboard but it ends up being very interesting.

Louis, who is a beautiful and elegant trumpter swan, unfortunately could not speak. Louis lives in the northern part of Canada. When the slender swan gracefully flies away to the southern part of Montana, he meets up with his good-natured friend, Sam. Louis swims to a lagoon in the wilderness because it is so amazingly beautiful. Sam lives in Montana with his dad, and they both love to camp. Louis meets a beautiful swan named Serena and he instantly falls in love.

Since Louis sadly could not express words, his father, who was a genius, comes to the rescue. He has a plan to help his son. He is going to steal a beautiful, brass trumpet to help Louis speak. Because Louis is speechless, he goes to school to learn to read and write. He is so amazing at it he gets a job (yay!) to repay his father's debt. Koh, koh!

Louis' father gracefully and peacefully flies to the shop because he is going to pay for the trumpet that he stole and it is a treacherous journey. While the cob flies, the storekeeper is in his store going over files when suddenly he eyes the cob that stole his trumpet. He aims his gun, not knowing that the swan is there to pay the bill. Pop, pop, pop, goes the gun! Down goes the cob! The swan is not badly wounded but is instantly rushed to the hospital. Louis's father, who is so, so, so funny, does such a dramatic act when he is shot. He pays his bill but he does

not stay in the hospital long. Louis's father, who is very outgoing, flies home to his sweet wife and family.

This is an enjoyable book to read. Louis' father was a brilliant actor and when he got shot, it was so dramatic. It was also funny when Sam, who is a genius, brilliantly catches a skunk at camp. Oh yes, and we can not forget about when Louis the hero saves a boy from drowning. Although he was saved by a bird, the boy still was not a fan of birds. This book was delightful because the swans had so many antics and feelings. Even though Louis could not talk, he was very clever and when he set a goal he was bound and determined to finish it.