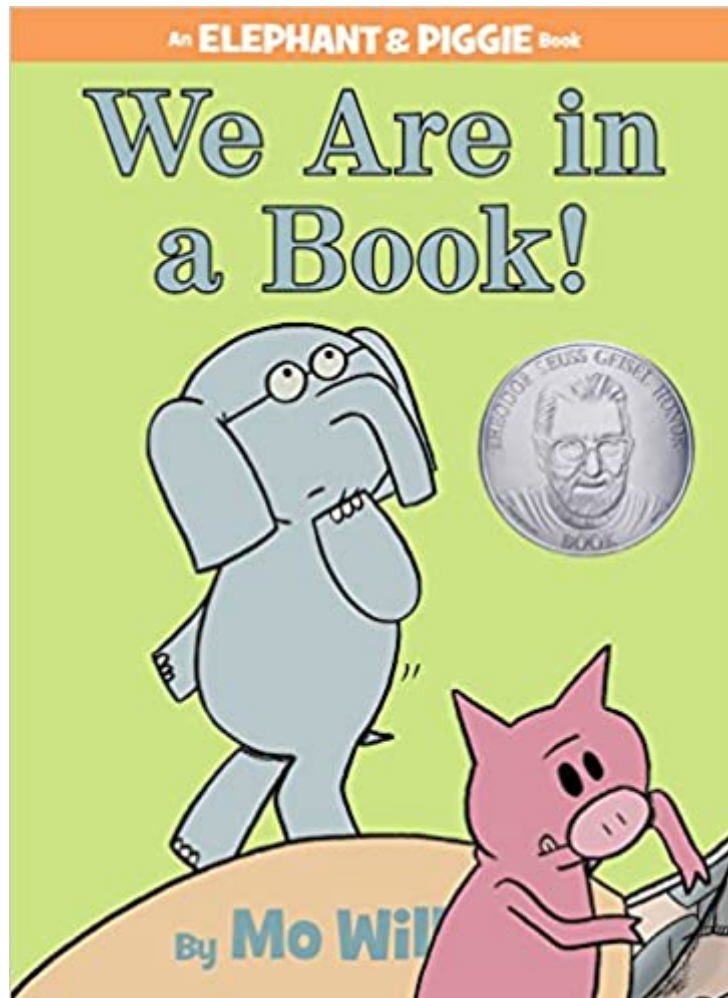




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# We Are In A Book! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## Synopsis

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In *We Are in a Book!* Gerald and Piggie discover the joy of being read. But what will happen when the book ends? Using vocabulary perfect for beginning readers (and vetted by an early-learning specialist), Mo Willems has crafted a mind-bending story that is even more interactive than previous Elephant & Piggie adventures. Fans of the Geisel Award-winning duo won't be able to put this book down--literally!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 *Make room for another satisfying episode in the escapades of lovable Elephant (aka Gerald) and Piggie. This time the best buddies star in a witty metafictional romp replete with visual gags, such as Piggie hanging from a speech bubble and Elephant blocking the author's name on the title page. Willems revs up the fun when the friends realize that someone is watching. Who can it be? Cautious Gerald asks, "A monster?" while savvy Piggie answers, "No. It is...a reader! A reader is reading us!" Mirth ensues as the delightful creatures comprehend a newfound power: "If the reader reads out loud, they can make the reader say words. Piggie decides upon "Banana" and Gerald's sidesplitting laughter proves contagious for all involved. But, when Gerald learns that books end, with Piggie*

demonstrating by turning the bottom corner of the page to see how many are left, he shouts, “This book is going too fast! I have more to give!” Not to worry the ever-resourceful Piggie has Gerald ask, “Will you please read us again?” Beginning readers will grant Gerald’s request, while grown-ups will marvel at Willems’s extraordinary ability to animate his personality-packed gray and pink characters with the widest range of emotions, all drawn with the simplest of line. Alicia Eames, New York City Public Schools (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

In their latest pairing, Elephant and Piggie are finally ready to get meta. Realizing that their trademark blank background is, in fact, a page, the duo has a blast convincing the reader to say funny things out loud until Piggie mentions that the book will soon end. Cue Elephant’s existential crisis: “WHEN WILL THE BOOK END!?” From there on, it’s a cute but never too heady play on the physical object that the reader is holding, including a bit where Piggie appears to flip the pages forward to get a sense of how much time they have left. Willems’s satisfying (if self-serving) solution? Read it again! Preschool-Grade 2. --Daniel Kraus

Do you know what the best book is? We think it is the Elephant and Piggie book, We Are In A Book. We really like this book because it is funny. It is funny when Gerald and Piggie realize they are characters in a book and are being watched by a reader. Also, the book is silly because when Gerald and Piggie come up with the idea to have the reader say whatever they want, they make the reader say, “banana.” These are some reasons why we enjoy this book and other Elephant and Piggie books so much, they are great!\*\* This review was written by my First Grade class. They love these books!

My son laughed all the way through this book. He has so much fun giving voices to elephant and piggie and reads it over and over. I’m glad he found a series he will actually read to himself.

My 7 year old Autistic son loves these books...we didn’t buy him a reading curriculum for homeschooling...we buy him an Elephant and Piggie book once a week...he learned how to hold the book while reading and reads page numbers now too...just purchased the Elephant and Piggie finger puppets because sometimes we take turns reading as the characters too. The Elephant and

Piggie books are comical and he has come to love reading. Reading can be difficult for him because he has a hard time sitting still but the Elephant and Piggie books intrigue him and we will sit and read 2 to 3 of them daily right now...He loves the idea that Elephant and Piggie are the same characters and in all the books...also that Doctor Cat and Pigeon have made special appearances just like in the Thank You Book...He thinks Hippo's sister is hilarious...

I will never forget my daughters reaction to this book. She laughed and laughed and laughed and and d me to reread it me than a dozen times. Now, a hundred readings or so later, she recites it as she plays around the house. (My daughter is almsot two). I would definitely recommend this book for any parent and I think it would make a great gift for a toddler's library.

We had one Elephant and Piggie book that we got from library surplus and my toddler loves reading it over and over, so I decided to get more. They are cute, simple stories with higher concepts good for teaching toddlers. I enjoy reading them, too. It won't be long before I end up buying them all.

This book makes my kids crack up. Lithe end makes you start over so it makes the perfect bed time book. The laughing tires them out and then they've heard it before so they tucker out quickly.

Very funny book that breaks down what would be referred to in theater or TV as the "fourth wall". Lots of fun to read, especially Gerald's part. Deserving of the awards it received. One of many great Elephant & Piggie books.

The Elephant and Piggie series is great. Great humor. Great expressions on Elephant and Piggie. Nice big text. Not too much text per page. The story lines are original and funny. Also almost all of them are "harmless" books (they don't give your kids ideas of bad things to do/try/etc). This book in particular I had to review because I enjoy reading it so much to my kids - age 3-5. Soon I hope my kids will enjoy reading this book to me as much as I have enjoyed reading it to them :)

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