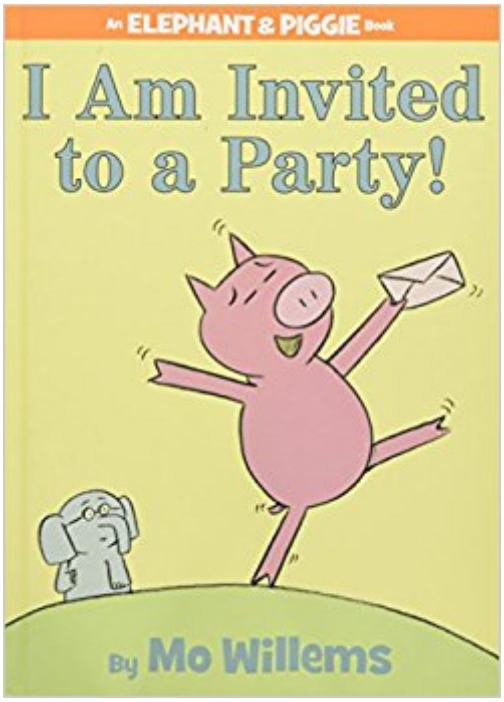
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I Am Invited To A Party! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



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Synopsis

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not.Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can.Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to.Gerald and Piggie are best friends.In I Am Invited to a Party! Piggie is invited to her first party. She doesn't know what to wear, though, so she asks her best friend Elephant for help. Elephant's advice is odd to say the least, so Piggie will try on all sorts of zany outfits before finally arriving at the party for a hilarious surprise.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

The ever-exuberant Piggie is invited to a party, but it is the more circumspect Gerald the elephant who knows his way around parties and insists that they must prepare. Under Gerald's guidance, the pair dresses for a fancy party, a pool party, and a costume party cumulatively, layering their garb into truly eccentric fashion statements. Willems executes a fresh take on the cumulative tale in this fourth installment in his easy reader series starring Piggie and Gerald, introducing an updated set of survival words and sentence structures for new readers, as well as str4essing the importance of reading pictures as well as words for a more comprehensive approach to contemporary literacy. Humor emanates from Gerald's calm assurance of his expertise ("I know parties," the pachyderm proudly asserts) counterpoised against Piggie's skepticism, which is expressed through wry glances

and direct addresses to the reader. She’s merrily compliant, though, and the payoff is surprising and witty. These books will easily take their place alongside Seuss and Eastman as classics in the beginning-reader genre. BCCB"Beginning readers familiar with Willems’s books will recognize his distinctive humor and illustrative style in these stories. When Piggie receives her first invitation to a party, she asks Gerald to join her and relies on his advice because he "knows" parties in order to prepare for the big event. The elephant, however, has a tendency to overanalyze, so he prepares them both for any contingency a fancy/pool/costume party. Piggie’s expressive features show her questions about their attire, but the friends set off bedecked in flippers, masks, top hat, pearl earrings, cowboy hat, and evening dress. Imagine her surprise when they find all the other guests as lavishly overdressed as they are. In the second title, Gerald learns that there are worse things than a bird on your head, namely, two love birds, a nest, and three hatchlings. With the help of Piggie, he is finally able to ask them to move, but, as the final page reveals, they have become her problem. Both books use speech bubbles gray ones for Gerald, pink for Piggie to tell the entire story. This feature is a nice touch that facilitates paired/choral readings. The conversation between the friends flows smoothly and allows beginning readers to practice expression as they read. These appealing titles will tickle the funny bones of children and are sure to become favorites. SLJ"From easy reader and chapter book series to epic fantasies, favorite characters, settings and story lines reemerge in new additions. Young readers will welcome the return of Mo Willems’s pessimistic pachyderm and spirited pig. In There Is a Bird on Your Head! Gerald the elephant despairs over a family of birds that nests atop his cranium, while Piggie is delighted. And in I Am Invited to a Party! party expert Gerald helps Piggie prepare for all possibilities, as they get dressed for a fancy party, pool party and costume party-all at the same time. PW"It helps to have a best friend when you run into trouble, whether it’s the what-to-wear-to-a-party kind or the wildlife-on-your-head variety. Like the first two entries in this beginning reader series (My Friend Is Sad and Today I Will Fly!, rev. 5/07), each of these books features a simple story told entirely through speech balloons and Willems’s emotive pig and elephant characters. The animated illustrations will help new readers decode tone and meaning while the spare dialogue enhances the pictures’ slapstick humor. High-spirited Piggie has never been to a party; when she receives her first invitation, neurotic Gerald takes charge of their attire. "I know parties," he claims, but Piggie and young readers may have doubts about that when Gerald insists they dress for "a fancy pool costume party." In the end, Gerald proves to be savvier than he and Piggie look. In the second book, two "love birds" make a nest on Gerald’s head. Cause enough for panic, but when their three eggs hatch (in record gestation time), hysteria ensues. Luckily, Piggie has a good head on her shoulders. The minimalism

of both the text and the uncluttered pictures focuses readers' attention and moves the stories forward. Party on, Elephant & Piggie! Horn Book"

Mo Willems is the author of groundbreaking picture books, including; Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale (Caldecott Honor winner 2004); Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! (Caldecott Honor winner 2003); Don't Let the Pigeon Stay up Late!; The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!; Time to Say "Please"!; Leonardo, the Terrible Monster; Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct. He also wrote Today I will Fly! and My Friend Is Sad, the first books in this series. In his previous life, Mo was a six-time Emmy Award winning writer and animator for Sesame Street and the creator of Cartoon Network's Sheep in the Big City. He lives with his family in Brooklyn, New York. same as above

Elephant and Piggie books are the best! They are invited to a party and they must be ready!!! Even my older children stop what they are doing to come and listen when I read this to the younger ones. The characters are so endearing and engaging, there is plenty of comedy and a fun moral as well. Kind of irresistible for the price I got; as it was less expensive than one trip to my nearest library let alone 2 (rent & return).

You will never be disappointed by a Mo Willems book. I enjoy reading them to my twin four-year old granddaughters as much as they enjoy hearing them. They find them laugh-outloud funny. Gerald and Piggy's friendship offers great examples of playing together, sharing, making friends, and adapting to situations. If I could give this book 10 stars, I would.

My 5 yo can read the whole thing, it's my favorite thing to watch. I use the line "we must be ready!" All the time now when we have to get ready for something.

How do you get your kindergartener to practice her reading without knowing it? Immerse her in a Mo Willems book! One of my daughter's favorites. Well-written, funny, and lots of phonetic repeating, all in one little book. These books will make readers out of your children!

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