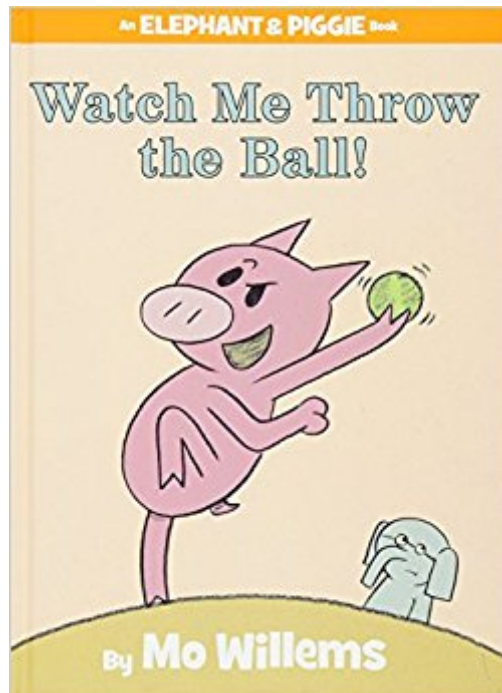




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# Watch Me Throw The Ball! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## 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 *Watch Me Throw the Ball!*, Gerald is determined to teach Piggie that ball-throwing is serious business... but Piggie is just as determined to have serious fun.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

"These appealing titles ... are sure to become favorites." "The masterful combination of early-reader convention and sly wit make this pair of pals one to celebrate." "These books will easily take their place alongside Seuss and Eastman as classics in the beginning-reader genre."

#1 New York Times best-selling author and illustrator Mo Willems started his career on *Sesame Street*, where he garnered six Emmy Awards for his writing before changing the face of children's literature with his groundbreaking picture books. Mo has been awarded a Caldecott Honor on three occasions (for *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*, and *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity*) and his acclaimed Elephant and Piggie early reader series received the Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal in 2008. He lives with his family in Brooklyn, New

York.same as above

I chose this rating because my first grade students loved the book. I bought this and other Elephant and Piggie books because whenever we go to the school library they are always checked out. So I bought some for my classroom library. My students check out books from my library and take them home to read. I allow three books. The school library allows one because of the number of students in our school (almost 1,000) but students cannot take them home. I believe that if you want children to read you have to have interesting and fun books to read and to listen to. As a child growing up I didn't have books to read. They were a luxury my family could not afford. But my teachers always had books to read to us and a few books that we could read in class. For most of the children I teach a book is a luxury. It is a luxury I want to share with them and their families.

Funny story.....so perfect for kids. If you ever watched three and four year olds play T-ball, you'll love to share this with them.

Daughter loves it. Loves the series. Read it all the time, and good wholesome messages.

Love me some Elephant and Piggy! And now so does my grandson.

Okay, we are HUGE Elephant & Piggie fans. (And when I say we, I mean ALL OF US.) But this one holds a very special place in my husbands' heart. I had to have it! I don't who is more fun to watch, the kids or him!

Love these books.

We now have eight books from this series, and this one has to be the most laugh out loud one of the bunch(so far). Gerald is extra uptight, and Piggie is extra free spirited- to the point of gloating. A lot. When it is finally pointed out to her that what she thought(or acted as if she thought) was anything but true, she just shrugged it off and went on her merry way knowing that she had fun. And in the twist, we got to see Gerald let loose a little bit. The last two pages were a little silly, but unlike most Elephant and Piggie books, the best part was in the middle. My son was delighted reading it the very first time, he was laughing so much he almost couldn't read it. It is definitely a favorite around here. Our other favorites in the series are There is a Bird on Your Head and Should I Share My Ice

Cream? A lot of reviews mention the lessons within the pages, but for us, by far, it's the humor we appreciate. My son is a reluctant reader yet he simply can't get enough of Elephant and Piggie. An added bonus is that they are engaging, while still being repetitive enough that the words stick. Also, the emotions are really clear in the expressions of the characters and the way the words are written in the bubbles. The word bubbles themselves are designed in way that finding the right tone for the sentence is very apparent, be it a simple statement, puzzling question, or the best news ever. These are hands down the best first readers we have come upon. We love Dr Seuss, but these are easily ten times better for new readers.

A neighbor of my daughter started my grandson on Mo Willems books and he loves them. We have quite a collection started and plan to buy more.

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