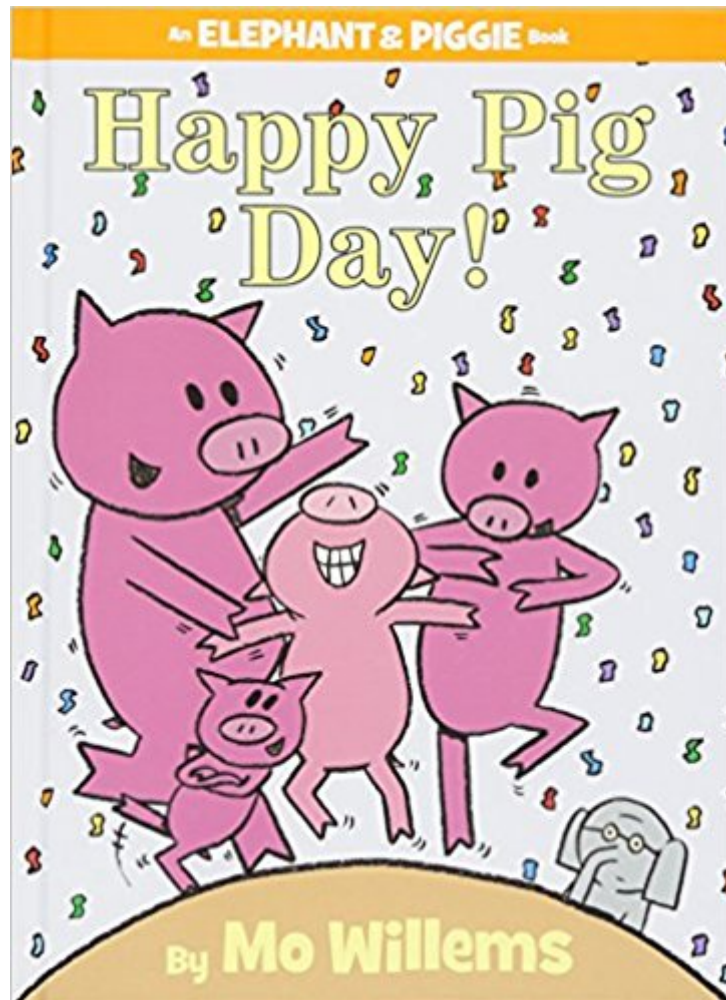




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# Happy Pig Day! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## 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 Happy Pig Day! Piggie celebrates her favorite day of the year! But will Gerald the Elephant be included in the festivities? Using vocabulary that is perfect for beginning readers (and vetted by an early-learning specialist), Mo Willems has crafted a heartfelt story about celebrating the special occasions in life. Fans of the Geisel Award-winning duo will want to join the party!

## Book Information

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Series: An Elephant and Piggie Book

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

HAPPY PIG DAY! Author/Illustrator: Willems, Mo The latest entry in this popular series for beginning readers features a new holiday: It's Happy Pig Day, and Gerald the elephant is feeling left out. The elements that have made this series so successful and enduring are all present once again: a clean design (white background, lack of extraneous details, large type in word bubbles, etc.), a friendship theme and a satisfying resolution. This time around, Piggie announces the upcoming festivities, and at first Gerald's excited: "Ooooh! I did not know about Happy Pig Day." But the day soon sours for him, as three pig friends seem to be monopolizing his best friend's attention. It's not until Piggie reveals the truth about these pigs and Happy Pig Day that peace is restored. "Happy Pig Day is for .

. . Anyone," begins Piggie, and a squirrel, cat and bear whip off their pig-costume heads, shouting "Who!" "Loves!" "Pigs!" respectively. Ostensibly about celebrating porcine pride, this explores coping with feelings a child may have upon learning a best friend may actually have other friends. Several Elephant & Piggie books have received Geisel Awards or Honors, for books for beginning readers; this one will not only encourage kids to give reading a go but will also teach them at least a few words in a new language: " 'Oinky! Oink! Oink!' 'means Happy Pig Day in Pig.' " (Early reader. 4-8) Kirkus"WILLEMS, Mo. Happy Pig Day! illus. by author. 60p. (An Elephant & Piggie Book). Hyperion. 2011. Tr \$8.99. ISBN 978-1-4231-4342-0. LC 2010034326. PreS-Gr 3 Beginning readers will delight in this funny tale. Gerald and Piggie are celebrating "The day of the pig" with pig songs, pig dances, pig food, pig games, and friends wishing one another "oinky, oink oink," which is "pig for Happy Pig Day!" Gerald the elephant seems genuinely interested in this celebration until Piggie's friends start speaking "pig" and he feels left out. The animated characters convey emotion and humor; masterful use of white space and comic-style text bubbles will inspire repeated readings. Another hit for Willems. Melissa Smith, Royal Oak Public Library, MI SLJ"Happy Pig Day!. Willems, Mo (Author), Willems, Mo (Illustrator) Hooray, it's Happy Pig Day! Of course, Gerald the elephant has no clue what this means, so Piggie launches into the holiday's myriad glories. The parties! The dances! The pig foods! The pig games! Everyone crying "Oinky! Oink! Oink!" (That's "Happy Pig Day" in Pig.) But while Piggie cavorts with other pigs, Gerald slinks away, feeling, as many kids sometimes do, the exclusion of not being involved in a particular holiday. Here Willems displays his cunning use of white space: the two friends are so far apart on the page. The good news? Happy Pig Day is for those who love pigs, too. - Daniel Kraus Booklist"It's "the best day of the year"-Happy Pig Day! Piggie goes hog-wild with her porcine friends, but Gerald feels left out and shrinks away. After Piggie finds her friend, Gerald works himself into an existential meltdown: "I do not have a snout. I do not have hooves! I am not pink! I want to say, Happy Pig Day' in Pig! But I am not a pig." As always, Willems's delightfully mismatched best friends communicate with bold declarations and gestural expressions that convey a vast range of recognizable emotions-from the agony of feeling left out to unbridled joy at celebrating all things pig. PW"

Mo Willems ([www.pigeonpresents.com](http://www.pigeonpresents.com)), a number one New York Times best-selling author and illustrator, 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*). *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* was also an inaugural inductee into the Indies Choice Picture Book Hall of Fame. Other favorites include *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed* and *City Dog, Country*

Frog, illustrated by Jon J Muth. Mo began his career on Sesame Street, where he garnered six Emmy Awards. He lives in Northampton, Massachusetts.

My husband, my daughter (just turned two years old), and I absolutely LOVE the Elephant and Piggie books. They are our all time favorite set, and we read them every single night before bed time. If you are not familiar with the Elephant and Piggie books, here is what you need to know. 1.) Gerald (the elephant) is a boy and Piggie is a girl. They are both hilarious, and you and your child will grow to love them. 2.) The text is in speech bubbles throughout all the stories. These are easy reads, with few difficult vocabulary words for even the youngest readers. These are only a few words on most pages. I highly recommend previewing one or more books before purchasing. 3.) They are funny. Most books have a clever twist at the end that everyone gets a kick out of. 4.) They look terrific as a set. We own all of the books, and they look great lined up on our bookshelf. The book covers are very nice and sturdy. These are actually the ONLY books we've ever purchased new (all others were gifts or thrift store finds. We are penny pinchers, but these books are WORTH the dollars as they are terrific and look awesome). If you ARE familiar with the books, here's what you need to know about THIS book. 1.) This is my FAVORITE Elephant and Piggie book. In fact, it is my favorite Mo Willems book! It may just be my favorite kids books. I get so excited when my two year old chooses this one to read. 2.) This book is the perfect combination of silliness and good lessons. It is definitely funny, as Piggie gets ready to celebrate a day made just for pigs. However, it also teaches great lessons to little ones. Piggie can certainly celebrate where he came from, but it is important not to exclude those that are different from you (i.e. non-pigs in this book). It shows Elephant expressing how he doesn't feel welcome, and it shows Piggie showing how to include his friend in his fun. Overall, great lessons that are hilariously expressed. Bottom line -BUY ALL THE ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOKS!

We like all the elephant and puffy books. So funny and so silly. Never disappointed.

My seven year old LOVES Mo Willems. She continually asks for books that are written by him and will page through and reread his books on a regular basis. For Christmas, all she wanted was a set of his pigeon books--encouraging for a parent to hear that, a BOOK!! She LOVES this book! She loves it so much that she asked me to buy her a stuffed pig that looks just like the pig in the book. She named her stuffed pig "PIGGIE" and carries it everywhere!! I love his books because the illustrations are awesome and he encourages my daughter to read. THANK YOU, Mo Willems.

Mo Willems is a rock star in our home! He has catalyzed a love of reading in my son that no other author could do. The expression, setting, tone & HUMOR in the Elephant and Piggie books is literally PRICELESS because it is giving our family the proverbial fire to sit around each night. We all take on a character and a special voice and our son now has a sense of story, place, emotion, etc. He tells me that I need to be Elephant because I worry about him (Piggie!) all the time - well said my little friend! Instead of having robotic/rote reading he identifies with the characters and can see his own life in them. I hope Mo comes to read in SF soon, it would be the highlight of my little guys childhood to meet him!

We love Elephant and Piggie books.

Mo's books are darling! I bought 5 of his stories for my great niece and nephew and I know they will love them. The drawings are delightful and so expressive in their simplicity. I am not gifting them right away so I don't have direct feedback from them but I am certain they will enjoy them as will their parents reading the books to them. I definitely recommend these. The relationship between Gerald and Piggie is a wonderful example for children. I'm tempted to keep them myself!

I love Elephant...I love Piggie...and I'm a Grandmother to 3...all three of the children LOVE this series...Everyone will love it...it's quick...it's easy to read...and just plain old happy! Thanks, Mo Willems! You make their hearts happy!

My grandsons both love this series of books. They are not only easy to read, but the illustrations assist with the action. Happy Pig Day is no exception, as they were both laughing at the end.

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