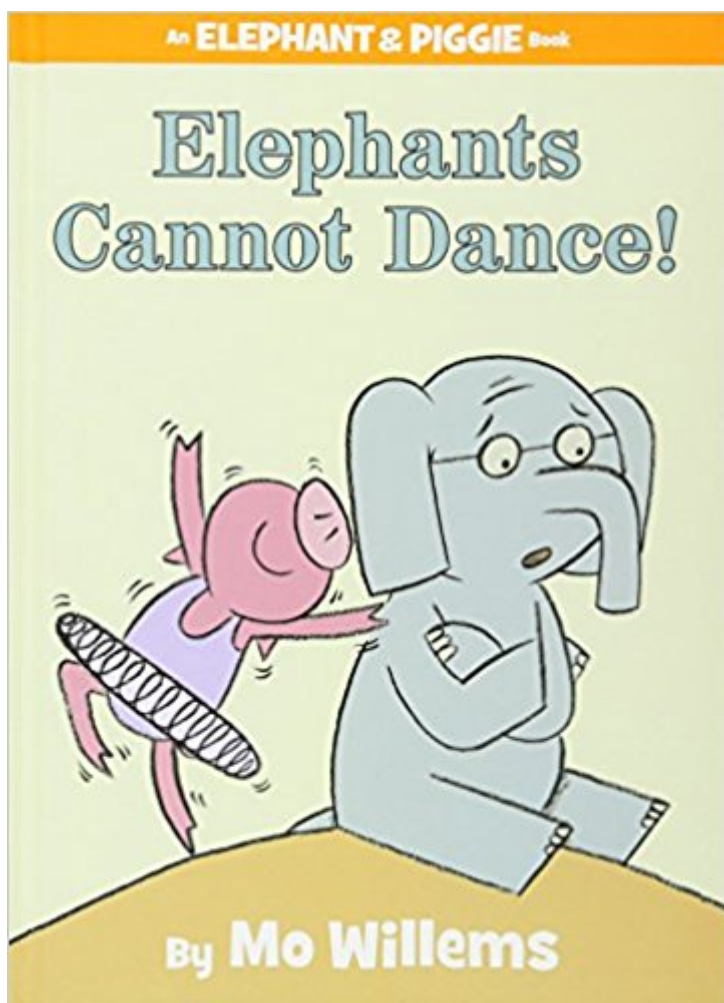


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# Elephants Cannot Dance! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## 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 *Elephants Cannot Dance!* Piggie tries to teach Gerald some new moves. But will Gerald teach Piggie something even more important?

## 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

In this humorous outing, Gerald the elephant and Piggie debate whether or not "elephants can dance." Gerald, who is convinced that he cannot (he tells Piggie to look it up in the "What Elephants Can Do" book) decides to give it a go nonetheless. Results are mixed, with Gerald basically doing the opposite of each instruction. Willems's characteristically sparse cartoon images and the use of speech balloons portray the comical dilemma with clarity, making it an ideal pick for early readers. PW"

#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 in Western Massachusetts as above

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.

Love Elephant and Piggie books and this one is no different. There is often an unexpected twist in the books, which is delightful. I like how the talk bubbles are in different colors so kids learn who is speaking what parts. I like how text is used to teach reading without a mono tone of voice. My kids (and the grown ups!) love them.

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!

My Son was given a Mo Williams book for his 3rd birthday.. He loved it..and laughed at the facial expressions that Elephant would make. I bought him more books, and he loves each one. My son just turned 6 these Mo Williams books are still his favorite books. Always asks me to read them to him. Still cracks up each time.They are very well written and very cute stories. The pictures are very clear and cute. Especially Elephant's expressions and what he says, makes my son laugh every time. Im using these books now to help him read, and he is reading well each time.Highly Recommend these books.. All of them.. :)

I am a huge fan of Mo Willems books, and this one is no exception. The illustrations are fun, the story is cute and heartwarming, with a positive message about self-confidence and embracing your own individuality. I work with kids in a school setting and my K-2 students love this book!

Great author, great characters. Difficult to draw the lesson out through the story. I understand the story, and I understand that it's a children's book - but this story seems to have been reaching a bit.

Mo is always an amazing author with a great sense of humor for kids and adults. I never get tired of reading these to my kids!

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