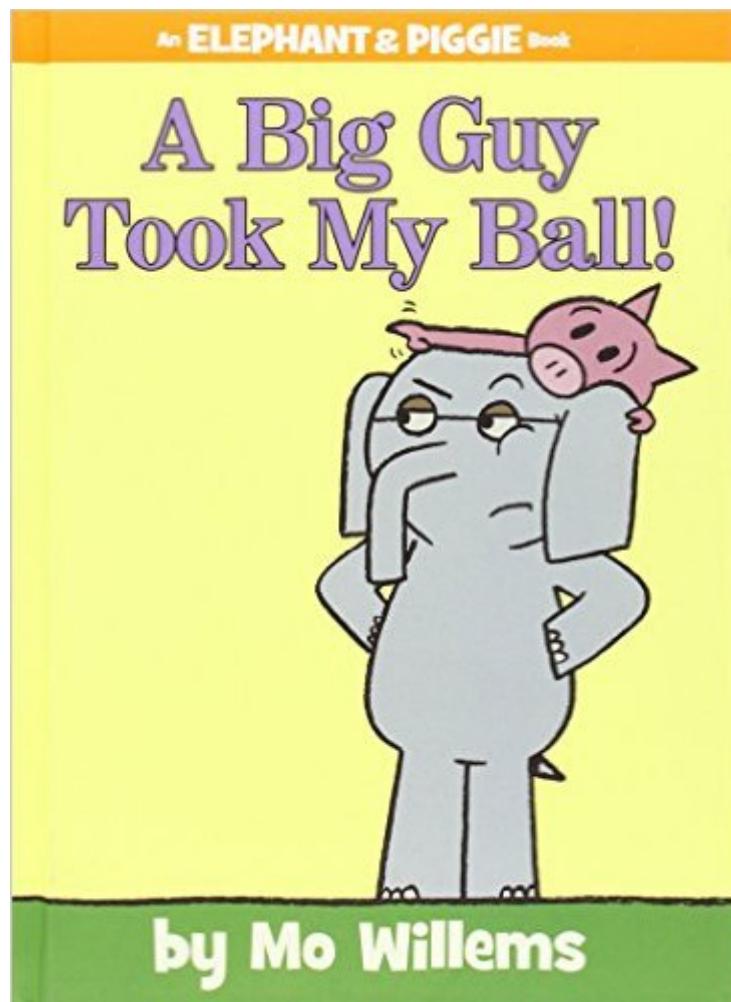


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# A Big Guy Took My Ball! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## 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 *A Big Guy Took My Ball!* Piggie is devastated when a big guy takes her ball! Gerald is big, too...but is he big enough to help his best friend?

## Book Information

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Series: An Elephant and Piggie Book

Hardcover: 64 pages

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

If you're unfamiliar with author/illustrator Mo Willems "Elephant & Piggie" series, please do yourself a favor and pick up a few. (I'll recommend my favorites at the end of the review.) His stories are often clever (a rarity in children's books), heartwarming, funny, and sweet. This book has each of those elements on display. Elephant Gerald is a pragmatic but passionate realist. Piggie is an effervescent joy. They're best friends. (Aw...) In this book, Piggie runs to Gerald stating a "big guy" has taken her ball. Gerald, also a "big guy" heroically seeks to retrieve said ball. He's in for more than one surprise. Mo Willems effortlessly tackles several childhood issues in this book without the audience ever once catching a whiff of parable or preaching. There's playground territory (who gets the ball?), big guys vs. little guys, insecurities, acceptance, and seeing beyond differences to get along. ("Adult authors" spend hundreds of pages without ever coming to as graceful a conclusion as Mr. Willems does in a 5-minute picture book.) His illustrations are simple line drawings that contain

brilliant expressiveness that will be enjoyed by the adult readers at least as much as the children. (This is, again, par for the course for the series.) Elephant & Piggie books are perfect for joint reading with a young reader. The cartoon-style thought-bubble dialogue makes for easy back-and-forth scripting, adding an element of interactivity to each book. My little reader will often say, "You can be Gerald. I'll be Piggie." It's some of the most effortless fun we've had reading together. While this is not my favorite book in the Elephant & Piggie series, I still like it A LOT, worthy of a 5-star rating. It's not a "favorite" only because Mr.

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