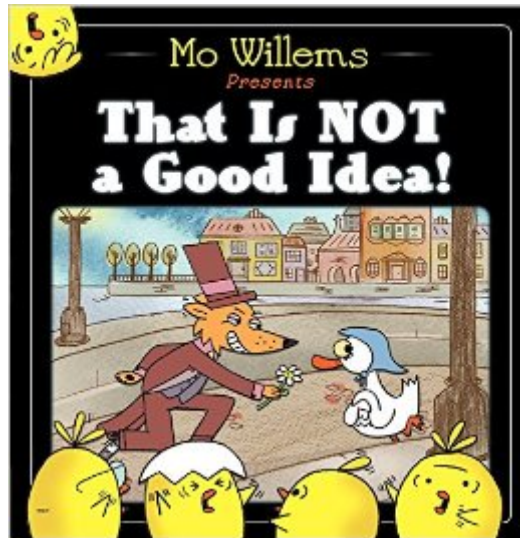


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# That Is Not A Good Idea!



## Synopsis

That Is Not a Good Idea! is a hilarious, interactive picture book from bestselling author and illustrator Mo Willems, the creator of books like Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, the Knuffle Bunny series, the Elephant and Piggie series, Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs, and many other new classics. Inspired by the evil villains and innocent damsels of silent movies, Willems tells the tale of a hungry fox who invites a plump goose to dinner. As with the beloved Pigeon books, kids will be calling out the signature refrain and begging for repeated readings. The funny details in the full-color illustrations by three-time Caldecott Honoree Mo Willems will bring nonstop laughter to story time.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Mo Willems has a great reputation to uphold. "How could another book be as good as Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!"? But, you'll be glad to know that I (and my students) think that it is just as good or better than DLTPDTB. The curve-ball this book throws at you catches you by surprise. In fact, after the last page, my group said, "Let's read it again, because now we GET IT!" The silent movie reference took a little explaining, but it enhanced the suspense because it helped them understand 'why the baby geese couldn't just help out'. On the second read-through, they cackled aloud as every page gave up its mystery to them. Mo, you are OK with my class. They thoroughly approve.

I received this book, skimmed through it, and decided I was disappointed in it. However, when my 4 year old granddaughter spent the night, I decided to read it to her before bed. She LOVED it. I think we read it 5 times that night, with her chiming in on the "Not a good idea" pages. I guess it appeals more to little ones than grandmas. Anyway, I am happy I bought it, because she certainly enjoyed it.

Taking his inspiration from the silent film era, Mo Willems has crafted another winner. His latest picture book is set up to resemble a silent movie with the wolf cast in the role of villain. Playing the leading lady--make that leading bird--is a seemingly sweet, trusting goose. Spread by spread, the wolf tempts her nearer and nearer to his home in the woods. The journey is interrupted at regular intervals by a chorus of goslings who warn at increasingly higher and higher decibels that their hookup is not a good idea. But whom exactly are they warning? As always, Willems knows how to pace a suspenseful tale, and his bold illustrations, especially those which highlight his character's expressive faces, add to the unfolding drama. Young readers might be savvy enough to see the twist that lies ahead--but this mature reader certainly didn't!

That Is Not a Good Idea! is a great idea for a choice of picture book to read to a group of kids as it is interactive and a nice spin on the traditional fairy tales involving wolves they will no doubt already be familiar with. It is also importantly adult friendly, so adults will enjoy turning the pages as much as the kids. The picture book is well illustrated, even though it is a homage to the old black and white pre talkie silent film era, the illustrations are done in colour. I don't think most kids would realise it is a homage to the silent film era so probably wouldn't have enjoyed it as much if Willems had gone with black and white. Although perhaps he could release a black and white version for adult collectors or something, there would probably be a smaller market for it. The illustrations are cartoon style similar to the Elephant and Piggie series and other work by Willems. The basic plot revolves around a bunch of chicks sitting in a movie theatre watching a film. A male wolf and female goose spot each other while walking down the street. They are immediately interested in each other and decide to go for a stroll with the wolf asking the goose questions such as "Would you care to continue our walk into the deep, dark woods?" It appears to the viewers (chicks) in the cinema that the wolf is luring the goose to become its dinner and like any group of friends watching a horror movie, these chicks yell at the goose for its seemingly beyond belief stupid actions with variations of "that is really not a good idea!" But have the chicks watched one too many horror movies that is blinding them to what is really happening? The story visually switches between the audience and

the on the screen action. The on screen action includes the silent era film style words on the screen for when someone talks. It's a fun book where if being read to an audience, children will love joining in with the chicks, as you read the film to them that is playing in the cinema.

Mo Williams is a FANTASTIC author. I am a preschool teacher and the children in my care love his books. He is the author of the pigeon series as well as the elephant and piggie series. This book title was mentioned on a FB group that I am a part of and I thought I would have to check it out. The children just love it! It is a very simple read just like all of his books, more based on the anticipation and the curiosity of the outcome, again, just like all of his books. It appears obvious to me that this was one of his first books, and that is an assumption, but it has an "older" feel to it with the art and simplicity. I purchased it in hardcover because that was my only option. I do not normally pay that much for a book, however, I really wanted to add it to my Mo Williams collection and I am glad that I did. Highly recommend.

This is one of our favorite Mo Willems books, although it's hard to narrow it down. This is actually our second purchase of this -- we love it so much we buy it for gifts now! Very cute story, great illustrations, and a twist ending that leaves my kids gut laughing every time.

I love children's books and Mo Willems is one of my favorite authors. This story is hilarious and carries with it a little moral lesson about judging outward appearances. BUY it. I have read it to students from ages K-8 and it has gotten laughs!

I got this for my first grade class. This is the cutest story with a great twist. I read it to 5th graders and even they had so much fun with it. Check out the cute video on youtube, introducing the book, before you read it

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