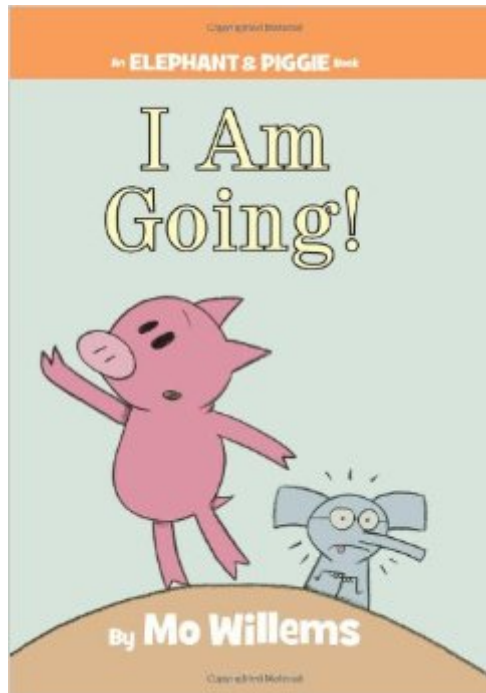


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# I Am Going! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## Synopsis

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In *I Am Going!*, Piggie ruins a perfectly good day by telling Gerald she is going. If Piggie goes, who will Gerald skip with, play Ping-Pong with, and wear silly hats with? Willems's Geisel Award winning duo continues to delight readers with their silly shenanigans. Packed full of humor and heart, the Elephant & Piggie Books are vetted by an early-learning specialist and early learners themselves, so they'll be right on target for new readers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

I love Mo Willems. I really, really do. And you know what? I love Elephant and Piggie. These books work on so many levels. First and foremost, they work well in their job, which is "easy reader". They ARE easy to read... but not too easy. And while the illustrations do illustrate the plot (and very funnily, I might add), they don't give away the plot. Children have to actually read the words to know what the book says instead of guessing from the context of the pictures. And best of all, the books are SO funny and SO over the top that even the most reluctant reader has to ham it up when reading, they can't help it! So when reading, kids are avoiding that terrible, horrible drone-of-boredom so many of them cultivate. These books also function well as read alouds because they're so funny. Try reading Dick and Jane aloud. You can't do it. (If you're going to buy

reprints of Dick and Jane, do so, but don't read them to your kid. They don't work for that.) And, really, they're funny for grown-ups too. Don't tell my nieces, but I buy these books for ME, even if I store them on THEIR bookcase! So, this particular book, *I am Going!*. Everybody reading the title knows that Piggie is not really going away for good. Gerald will still have somebody to skip and play pingpong in a funny hat with. But Gerald reacts in an incredibly melodramatic fashion (we all saw THAT coming too) until he finds out: Piggie is GOING to have LUNCH. (Punchline: They eat together. "Just like yesterday!") Best part? Has to be Gerald's forlorn pleas that Piggie should go "next month" or "next year", said while holding a Piggie-themed calendar.

I shall begin this review by telling why I love the Elephant and Piggie books in general: They are the perfect combination of silly storytelling and easy sight words/decodable text. The illustrations are adorable and hilarious in their charming simplicity. And while many people like to think that the only "good" readers among children are those who pop from the womb reading Tolstoy, the fact remains that kids need easy text upon which to build their skills. And oh, does Mo Willems win with these books. Beginning readers are given more than meaningless, plotless text; they get the adventures of best friend duo Elephant and Piggie! The stories are simple and quick, but thoroughly entertaining (I once read *I Will Surprise My Friend!* (An Elephant and Piggie Book) to a group with ages ranging from 14 to 30 and they are all enchanted.) The illustrations take on a major load of the story-telling, making a mere picture walk enough to help figure out the story, leaving more mental power to the actual reading process. Even more advanced readers can use these books for practicing expression (I'm sorry, but anyone reads aloud these books without some degree of screaming is reading them wrong). Now, onto this particular book. Elephant and Piggie are enjoying a nice day when, out of the blue, Piggie announces she is going. Poor Elephant is devastated, and shows it through his typical drama and over-reacting. It's hilarious and kids will love it. This wasn't quite my favorite of the bunch, but then again I don't think any of these can be truly terrible. Heck, it brought a smile to my face and my students were charmed. The surprise ending and aftermath is certainly worth a laugh. It is presently the in-demand book for personal reading time, and I will go ahead and let them be the judge of its entertainment value.

I love the Elephant and Piggy books. The simple art style conveys all the emotions with minimal details. I love how it is an easy read and no contractions in the sentences. Repeated word patterns are great for early readers. Over the series of books Gerald has been more emotionally attached to Piggy. In this book, Piggy announces that she is going. Gerald begs her to stay. Who will he play

with if she's gone? But she sticks to her statement that she is leaving, completely unmoved by his cries. He even fakes his own departure. She tells him "Have fun."The best part was when he yell at her "why?"It was like reading every break up movie ever made.Poor guy never saw it coming.I won't ruin the twist ending, but it was perfect Mo Willems humor.I liked this one as much as "I will Surprise my Friend" and "Pigs Make Me Sneeze"Thank you Mo for making books that are funny for adults as well as children.

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 book really brings out Elephant's anxious personality, as he gets nervous when Piggie states that she is leaving. It becomes quite cute and funny. My toddler's favorite page is when Elephant is screaming "WHY WHY WHY" repeatedly.2.) Elephant does the majority of the speaking parts in this book. If your family is anything like mine where the Mom reads Piggie and the Dad reads elephant, Mom will have to ride passenger when reading this book. All the funny parts belong to Gerald.3.) The take-away message of this book is that it is great being with friends, and that sometimes we overreact when we hear things. Especially if you are Gerald.Bottom line -BUY ALL THE ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE BOOKS!

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