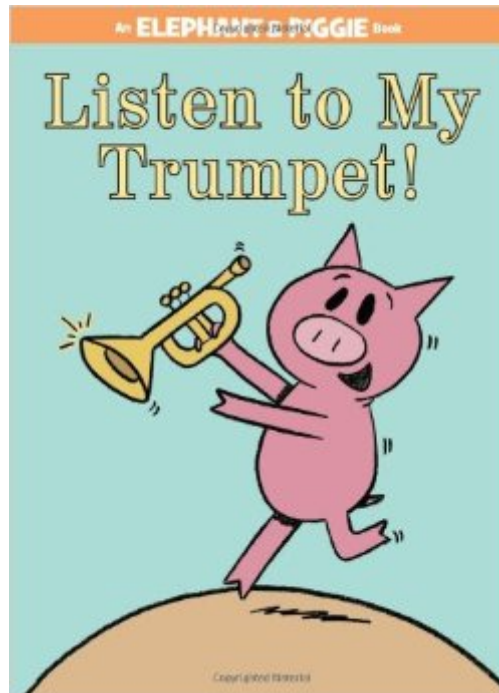


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# Listen To My Trumpet! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## 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 Listen to My Trumpet! Piggie can't wait to play her new instrument for Gerald! But is she ready to listen to his reaction?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This installment in the Mo Willems "Piggie and Elephant" franchise, "Listen to My Trumpet", has Piggie wowing Gerald with her new trumpet. Gerald listens. Gerald winces. Sadly, she's no Satchmo. Gerald tries to think of nice things to say that will not hurt Piggie's feelings: 1. it's "shiny" 2. it's "loud" 3. Piggie "holds it well" But of course much as she likes hearing that stuff -- that is not enough for Piggie. She wants more -- she wants to know what he REALLY thinks! And Gerald, being a great friend, conscientiously decides he should tell her the truth -- albeit as gently as possible. It has a fun twist at the end, and once again shows children though the charming relationship between these two best friends, exactly what being a true friend is all about -- honesty, love, trust, compassion and concern.

Gerald the elephant's eyes widened as Piggie came running at him, calling his name and offering him a stool. "Sit! Sit! Sit!" Piggie was all excited and ran off as soon as Gerald was sitting on that

teeny weeny stool. She quickly came back with a trumpet in hand, announced her find, and snuggled up to Gerald and asked if he wanted to hear her play. Of course he did. After all, that's what friends are for. Piggy smiled as she hugged her trumpet and got ready to play. Piggy blew and he blew and she blew until she got red in the face. Gerald was taken aback and then all of a sudden "Bluuuurk!" It was a horrible sound that knocked poor Gerald right off the stool. It was so bad that even his nose crinkled up in shock. Piggy exclaimed, "Wait. That was not right." No, it was not right, it was awful. Piggy peered into her trumpet and "Bl-ap! Fr-ip! Br-ip! Vr-ip!" tried again. Things went from bad to worse and then Piggy wanted to know what Gerald thought of her playing. What would happen if he told her the truth? Would they still be friends? Gerald and Piggy's friendship is tested by some pretty bad trumpet playing. This is yet another inimitable Mo Willems book about this charming duo. Everyone from the preschooler to the adult can't help but fall in love with them. Nonreader and emergent readers will enjoy "reading" along with an adult. Youngsters everywhere will love Piggy's hilarious antics and her less than stellar musical talents. The artwork is bold and expressive. I particularly how Willems caught every nuance on Gerald's face. Can he really face the music? You'll just have to add this one to your list and find out?

I have read this with several of my art classes and the kids LOVED the book. They loved the noises Piggy makes with her trumpet; they loved hearing me try to imitate the sounds Piggy made! Many of my most reluctant readers could not get enough of it and wanted to know if the school library had this one. Wow! A book that makes kids WANT to read! Not bad!

My kindergarten students LOVE these books -- you can't go wrong. LOTS of character development to talk about, fun inferences at which to stab -- what's not to like? My students CHEER when I pull one of these books out. Mo Willems is genius. Period.

This book was OK but not as funny as some of the other Mo Willems books that I've read to my students. Gerald's expressions while Piggie tooted the trumpet were funny as were his attempts to be tactful when Piggie asked for his opinion of her playing. However, the dialogue was pretty thin--mostly noises, which got a bit old after a while. Not one of my favorites.

My son and I cannot get enough of elephant and piggie! I love to read to my kids because they love it. Deep down inside I loathe a lot of children's books, not these. They are entertaining and enjoyable day after day.

My kids LOVE these books. Mo manages to continue to captivate and engage young readers with a standard repeating (not repetitive) format for Elephant and Piggie. A great selection of real words and funny sounds allow even little speakers to engage with active story time reading.

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.

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