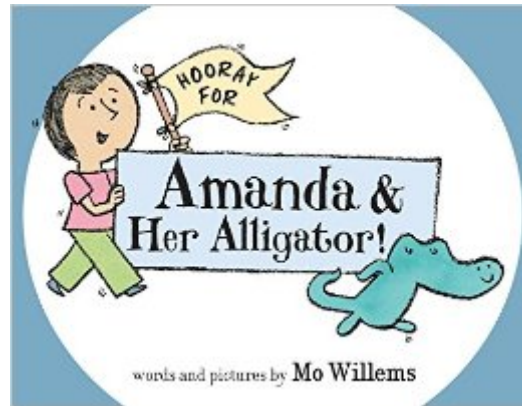


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# Hooray For Amanda & Her Alligator!



## Synopsis

6 stories about 2 surprising friends. Having a stuffed alligator for a best friend can be surprising. Sometimes Amanda surprises her alligator with books. Sometimes Alligator surprises Amanda by eating them. But what happens when Amanda brings home a special "and not entirely welcome" surprise? The result might be unexpected indeed. Beloved author-illustrator Mo Willems has created a funny and tender portrait of friendship that readers of any age will love.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I've read the negative or lukewarm reviews of this book and I have to say, "Give me a break!". I mean come on, here's a man always creating something new and wonderful for kids and everyone has to pigeon-hole him (pun intended) to what he did before. Mo Willems is a treasure to young readers. My sons have all his Piggie and Gerald books and we received Amanda and Her Alligator as a gift. When you are used to the humor and flow of the Piggie and Gerald books, even the Pigeon books, this reads different and it can throw you off a bit, BUT give it a chance. My sons weren't feeling it at first, but once we read through it and they got to know Amanda and her alligator, they requested it over and over - still do! As with any beloved children's author, we get so attached to the characters they've written about a billion times in other book series that we compare any new

work to established series. Amanda stands on her own merit and the short stories in here are well worth money and time to read them. I think it could be another classic series for slightly older readers if Mr. Willems decides to pursue this path. If not, leave Pigeon, Piggie and Gerald behind and read this one on its own merit. You'll be surprised how good it really is!

Hooray for Amanda and Her Alligator is another of Willems' hits. When I first read it on my own, I thought it was just all right. But when I read it with my 3-year-old, I could see the subtlety of the humor. The names of Amanda's library books are a riot. And the page when she's reading 'You can make it yourself: Jet Packs'... well, alligator is downright hilarious. My daughter laughed until she hiccuped as we reread that page over and over. She now walks around the house saying that page from memory when she's bored. This is a simple, delightful book. Two thumbs up.

I absolutely love this book. It's a really great story for kids to learn from and is really funny and fun to read. Plus it's a great book for helping them learn to read. It's not exactly short and is a bit challenging but still easy enough for a 1st or 2nd grader to read.

If you're like me, you're probably used to picture books that are so short that they don't even have page numbers. In that case, you would probably be surprised to find a picture book to have chapters. Hurray for Amanda and Her Alligator has a chapter page, contains six stories, and clocks in at seventy pages. Yet this isn't an anthology. Rather, each story reveals a little bit more about friendship through its two title characters. For example, here is a description of alligator's reaction to Amanda being gone to the library: I do not like it when Amanda is gone, thought alligator. I am not good at waiting. He paced around the room. He fiddled with his tail. When Amanda returns, she asks alligator if he wants a surprise. You might be expecting her to give him some fancy treat, but instead the surprise is just her yelling: "Boo!" Reviews of Hurray for Amanda and Her Alligator are mixed and so perhaps it helps that I am not familiar with other books by Mo Willems. Critics say that his other characters are sassy and goofy, neither of which are terms I'd use to describe Amanda and her alligator. Rather, I feel as if back in my childhood and leisurely playing house or school with my cousins. Hurray for Amanda and Her Alligator captures the ups-and-downs of friendship in a sweet and simple style.

I have yet to read a book by Mo Willems that we haven't all loved. This one is no exception. It is a collection (on a very small scale) of mini adventures Amanda has with her alligator. It is very clever

like all of Mr. Willems books are. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the pigeon!

This story is a great one about friendship and being able to make new friends...but funny and charming and just an all around great tale. And I love that there are chapters - with a bonus 1/2 chapter. Too cute!! YAY MO WILLEMS!! Another Hit!!

This is one of my favorite children's books! It's a great story for kids with just enough "side humor" so that parents won't get tired of reading it. I paired it with a Kojo the Croc Zoobie pet as a baby shower gift. Book arrived as expected and in great condition.

My daughter received this book as a gift, and we promptly "paid it forward" when we went to our next birthday party. I find that many children's books have lovely illustrations, but the stories leave a lot to be desired. Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator! is a sweet, clever, funny story that is perfect for the toddler/preschool set, but also a pleasure for adults to read. The characters are simply adorable with a wonderfully imaginative point of view. Little lessons are embedded in the story without banging you over the head. And as a bonus: I love the chapter layout (each chapter is a couple pages long).

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