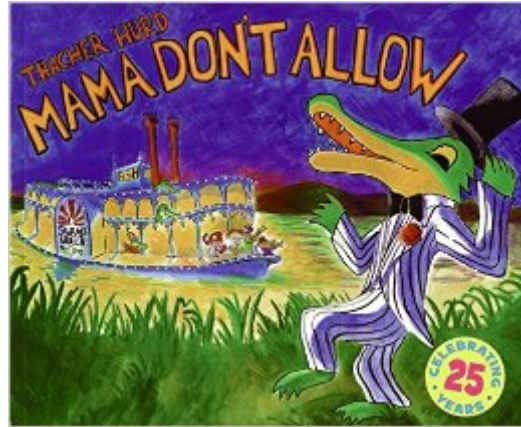


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Mama Don't Allow



Synopsis

Saxophone-playing Miles and his Swamp Band find a bevy of sharp-toothed, long-tailed alligators who love to listen to their music. But little do Miles and his band know what the alligators plan for them at the close of their jubilant all-night ball! Inspired by a traditional song, this vibrant picture book is "ebullient, fast-paced, and funny." 1985 Boston Globe "Horn Book Award for Illustration" Reading Rainbow Featured Selection Children's Books of 1984 (Library of Congress)

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Every parent knows that children depend on certain books being read to them ritualistically nearly every evening at bedtime. This was for a very long time one of those books for my daughter and me. The story is delightful. Miles lives in a swamp and loves to play music. But his mother hates his music, and chases him away from the house whenever he plays. Going further into the swamp, he finds a number of others who also can't play their music at home, and they form a swamp band. As they are playing, they are overheard by an alligator, who instead of eating them, invites them all onto a riverboat to play for the alligator ball! They go, they play, are a bit hit, and are about to become a bigger hit, because the main item on the menu that night is Swamp Band Soup! The band escapes. The illustrations are just extraordinary. My daughter's favorite were the two pages that

showed first all the alligators going onto the riverboat, and then the two pages that showed them all dancing at the alligator ball to the Swamp Band singing their song "Mama Don't Allow Any Music Playing in Here." I have recommended this book to other parents, and they all report that their kids loved it just as much as mine did. This book is best suited for children between the ages of two and six. Good story, great illustrations, and it helps if you can come up with a nifty little tune to go with the lyrics of the song.

My kids love this book -- each of them, in turn, has been enthralled by the story of Miles, the little badger whose saxophone playing is too awful for his mama to allow it in the house, but who lands a gig playing for some hungry alligators. By dint of his clever and melodious playing, Miles saves himself and his band from becoming the soup du jour, and mama hears the swamp lullaby he's playing and says, "Oh, how nice..." The pictures are richly colored and amusing, and this should take its place among your favorite books.

Hi, today I'm going to tell you about a great book I just read. It is called "Mama Don't Allow". The book is about some kids that live in Swampville and want to be in a band together. They called themselves the Swamp Band. The Swamp Band plays for the alligators. But I won't tell the ending. The lesson in it is do what you say and you won't get hurt. I feel this is a good book for anyone. I love the book it was great. The end.

"Mama Don't Allow" has been a treasured story at our house for many years. It was a gift from a dear friend, and both of my children (a boy and a girl) list it as one of their all-time-favorite stories from childhood. It's clever, it's funny, they used to look at the illustrations for hours, and they absolutely love how it ends. My kids are teenagers now, and still they will pick up this book every once in a while and re-read it for the billionth time with a big grin on their face. Today I'm purchasing the book for one of the ladies in our neighborhood book club who had a baby. We are all giving her a "book shower" to start a little library for her son... whose name is "Miles". Oh, how nice!

A really wonderful read-aloud picture book that has all the bells and whistles. Good story with action, music and great illustrations. I play the old Ink Spots version of the song to my class, too, after reading it. Really fun to read.

My kids loved this book when they were young. This recent purchase was a gift and I got great

feedback from the parents. Not only is it a wonderful story for kids, but it's fun for parents to read and sing too.

I came across this book after seeing it on Reading Rainbow. It is a cute story about a boy who plays "swamp band" music that his mama can't stand, so he goes and starts a band and plays his music for the Alligators on a river boat. The alligators want to eat the band when they are done playing, so the band plays a lullaby and puts them all to sleep. When the boy comes home playing that sweet song, his mama is finally happy about his music. I highly suggest watching the Reading Rainbow episode that goes along with this and listening to the reading - complete with sound effects. It will make you love this book even more! Having a kazoo around to make "swamp band" music of your own would also be fun.

My husband has been a volunteer at the local elementary school for 8 years and reads weekly to K and 1st grade...He has previously borrowed this book from the public library and decided it is time to buy his own copy to ensure that he has it when needed. The year always begins with this book as the kids love it ...they never want to stop singing the verses in the book as well as the ones they create, such as, "Mama don't allow no nose picking around here....."

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