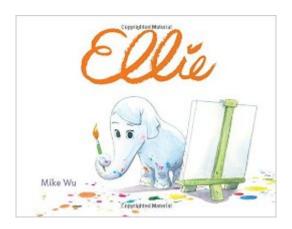
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# **Ellie**





### **Synopsis**

The zoo is closing!Ellie and her friends want to save their home, but Ellie's just a baby elephant, and she doesn't know what she can do to help. While the other animals are busy working, Ellie finds a brush and some paints, and gives the zoo a big splash of color! Will her bright new talent be enough to keep the zoo's gates open for good?

#### **Book Information**

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

#### **Customer Reviews**

I bought this book to add to my little girl's library and couldn't be happier! Every page (and book jacket) is popping with beautiful pictures. The characters are seriously adorable, especially little Ellie. It's a fun book that brings you along Ellie's search and discovery of her special talent that might help save the zoo. A sweet story and lovely visuals = 5 shiny stars.

My 3 year old daughter loves Ellie! For the past month, she has been asking for  $\tilde{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ œEllie the Elephant $\tilde{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ • for her first book (we usually read 2-3 before bed). In fact, we just met a daycare provider named Ellie, and my daughter turned to me and said  $\tilde{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ œlike Ellie the Elephant! $\tilde{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ • She loves the book $\tilde{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ <sup>TM</sup>s beautiful artwork, and she asks a gazillion questions about all the different animal characters. From an adult standpoint, it $\tilde{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ <sup>TM</sup>s a very sweet story, and the artwork is captivating. The book is also the perfect length- long enough to create a full story, but short enough you can breeze through it when necessary.

This is such a cute picture book. I love Mike Wu's illustrations. They have a sweet, playful innocence that inspires nostalgia at a glance. It's the perfect style for this story, with its focus on friendship, working together toward a common goal, and sharing your creative gifts to help others. Ellie's design is so perfect. I had the pleasure of watching Mike Wu draw her when he came to my bookstore for an event. Start with a circle. Add another circle so that together they're like a peanut. Add a trunk and POOF! It's Ellie. It looks so easy when he does it. Heartwarming story, beautiful illustrations, and a winning heroine - there's everything to like with Ellie. It's far and away one of my favorite picture books of 2015.

This book is great!! I bought two of them immediately for my niece and nephew. They are now instant classics in their households. Beautiful art work and touching story done by the talented Mike Wu. Definitely one that everyone should read!

From the moment Ellie showed up, my kids felt like they had a new friend. Mike Wu uses his talent as an animation artist to bring this lovable character to life. Ellie reveals a tender spirit who expresses herself through painting and enlists her friends to save their home. A great message for all ages to believe in all things possible and never lose your sense of wonder. The artwork for the book is as engaging as the text. Any of theses illustrations is a stand alone piece of art. Ellie uses her art to change her world. Who doesn't love that?

Ellie the Elephant is sad. Her zoo is closing! All of her animal friends conspire to make the zoo a more attractive place, but what can Ellie do? When the zookeeper leaves out a paint brush, Ellie finds she has a hidden talent. She can paint. And Ellie the artistic elephant transforms the zoo into a gallery of her art. The author is an artist himself, and worked for Pixar on their popular animated movies. His work is engaging and happy. If you read this as a class story, students should be encouraged to paint a picture like Ellie did to brighten up the classroom.

This one-of-a-kind children  $\tilde{A}\phi \hat{A}$   $\hat{A}^{TM}$ s book features an artistic elephant named Ellie who is determined to stop her home, the zoo, from closing. Pairing the heartwarming story with adorable watercolor pictures that add a little something extra to the text, Ellie is a must-read and the perfect choice for children. It is sure to bring a little joy to the kids as they follow the loveable animals through their mission to save their home and contributes a great message: that we are all unique,

and, if we work together and combine our individual talents, we can accomplish great things.

"Ellie" is a beautifully illustrated book with a powerful message for children and adults alike. I've purchased two copies, one for my nephew and one for a friend's daughter. Both families fell in love with Ellie the elephant. This has become my go-to children's gift. I highly recommend this endearing book.

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