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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 *Elephants Cannot Dance!* Piggie tries to teach Gerald some new moves. But will Gerald teach Piggie something even more important?

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J says

I read this to some preschool groups. So much fun.

Amy says

If I had read this Elephant and Piggie book to myself, I think that I'd have thought it was lackluster. Throw a five year old into the mix, and a book that I thought was lackluster takes on a certain brilliance. I don't know why this book is so funny, but my nephew just about died laughing! Piggie and Gerald had him laughing, and he had all of us laughing as we sat around the campfire. Good times!

McKenzie Richardson says

For more reviews, check out my blog: Craft-Cycle

A cute Elephant and Piggie book about trying new things and finding what works for you. It's all about being an individual and also learning new ways to do something.

I love this series. Each book is entertaining, but also includes an important life lesson. And Piggie and Elephant's friendship is awe-inspiring.

As always, great illustrations and a nice story.

Also, can I just say that I love that Piggie is a girl, but doesn't always wear stereotypical markers (bows, dresses, earrings, long eyelashes), which is so common in animal characters in children's books? She's worn dresses in other books. In this one, she wears a tutu because she's teaching Gerald to dance. But she doesn't always have to wear them, like it's essential to her character. It's not that she doesn't wear "female" clothes, it's just that she doesn't always wear them just like Gerald doesn't always wear stereotypical "male" things. It's nice to see a female character that isn't overly feminized so we can tell she's a girl (i.e. Minnie Mouse, Jewel from Rio, Arlene from Garfield). Like remember, everyone, this one is the girl, you can tell because she has a bow. End tangent.

Anyway, love the series. This is a good book.

Archit Ojha says

Mo Willems is a name you think parallel to Dr. Seuss.

Piggy is hell bent on teaching Gerald some moves.

Artistic drawings, less-words-more-fun approach and a pigeon hidden in every book of this series makes it a compelling read!

I am going to read this to my first baby while he's still in our womb with an ultrasound microphone.

And it on goodreads from his account as *read*!

Stephanie says

Bug has really been enjoying this series.

midnightfaerie says

Another wonderful Willems book that kept both my 5 yr old and twin 3 yr olds fascinated. Not enough words to be even a reading level 1 book, Willems still has a way about him to bring the reader into his wonderful world. These books are ones my whole family loves. And a fellow friend on GR recently told me that the pigeon was hidden in each book and we now love to look for him too! Fun for all and a great addition to any children's library!

Shawn says

Elephant is trying to dance. He admittedly is not a dancer. But yet everyone can dance, maybe some better than others. And Elephant can dance, well at least, one dance.

Marjorie Cummings says

You never know what you can do until you try!

Kaethe says

When I was a child, Dr. Seuss was the name in early readers. He wasn't the only writer, nor always the best, but he was who you thought of first. Now the name is Mo Willems. His books are consistently funny, artistically appealing in their simplicity, and the pigeon kills with every appearance.

I sit here in September, typing with right hand only, because my left hand is resting, reassuringly, on Calder

Alexander Eno, who is sitting in the chair pulled up next to mine. I'm doing this, because we are finally getting some rain, which will stop all the humans from hideous allergy attacks and sinus headaches, of which we are heartily sick, both figuratively and literally. Calder is an enormous jellicle cat, more than twenty pounds, long and tall, and he's probably the snuggliest cat I've ever met, but he is frightened of thunder: when it rumbles he growls and goes and hides under Natasha's bed. He has already spent half the day under there, so I'm trying to keep him calm and happy. Such a good cat. I go back to work October 3, so that's two weeks to catch up on one hundred seventy-eight book reviews. I can do this.

Library copy

Matt says

When Piggie is excited to dance with her friend, Gerald, she comes to learn an important fact; elephants cannot dance. It is clearly stated on page 11 of 'All Things Elephants Can Do', a book that Gerald is quick to show. However, Piggie has a way around this and begins lessons, hoping that Gerald will be able to follow. Things do not go as planned, but not all is lost and Gerald ends up learning a thing or two about himself. Neo likes this series and was keen to read it to me. He tackled it with confidence and left me pleased to see how dedicated he was to reading everything on the page. Perhaps I will hunt down the rest of this series for another weekend of reading!

Kathryn says

Very cute and funny story of friendship and how we need not all dance the same style to have fun! :-)

Gideon says

it was a great book. it was so funny when piggy said "it dosint say you cant try" ha ha ha :D.

Fourth Grade says

This is a great book for 2-6 year old's. I think this book teaches kids that they can dance, even if they don't think they can. This book is funny and for kids who cannot read that great because they can look at the pictures. When Gerald tries to dance, it's very funny. I liked this book, and so does my little cousin.

Barron says

It is not as fun when Gerald does the dance wrong. I want him to do the dance right.

Heidi-Marie says

This caught my eye on the shelving cart just as we were closing. Since I was planning on a dance party for part of storytime, and I hadn't read this E&P book, yet (gasp!), I read through. Cute for sure. Not quite speaking "read me aloud" as some of the others. But I have yet to go wrong with E&P. So I will include them.

August 2015: I know I've read this in storytime. Almost positive movement was one of them. Can't remember if I've done preschool. But it HAS been read. I'm going to go with movement for now.

7/27/16 Used in my X,Y,Z theme because it was our last of the summer (had to have an E&P), and Dancing is eXercise. A great lead in to dancing for our play time portion. And the kids loved the book, of course.
