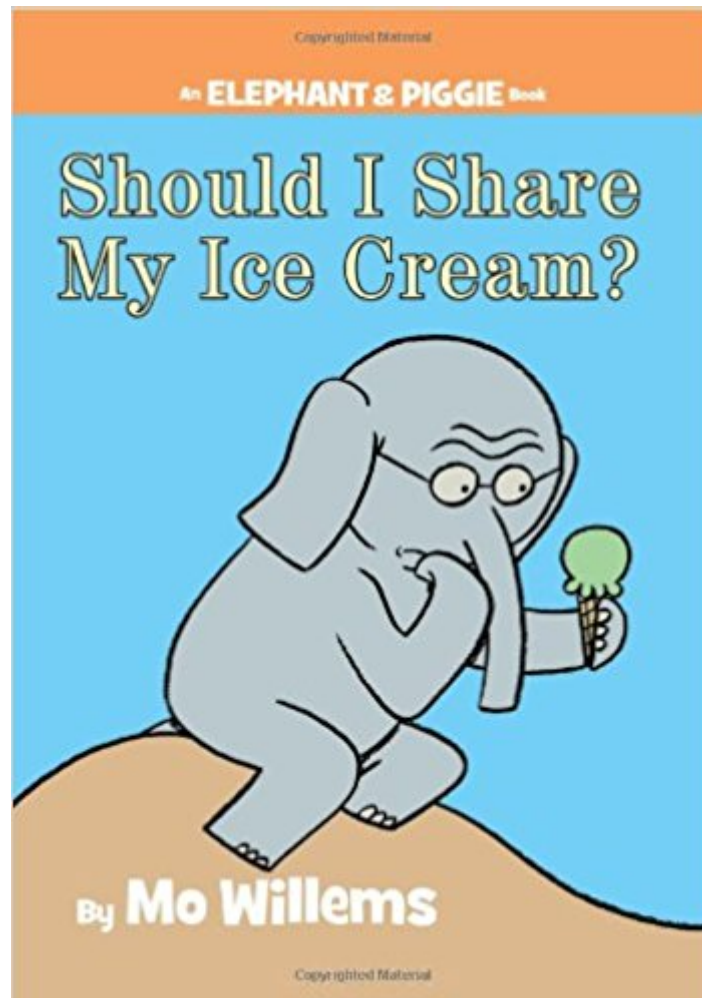




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# **Should I Share My Ice Cream? (An Elephant And Piggie Book)**



## 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 *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* Gerald has a big decision to make. But will he make it in time? Using vocabulary that is perfect for beginning readers (and vetted by an early-learning specialist), Mo Willems has crafted a funny story about the challenges of doing the right thing. Fans of the Geisel Award-winning duo will eagerly eat it up!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Children will delight in this perfect drama for hot weather. Gerald is excited about his "awesome, yummy, sweet, super, great, tasty, nice, cool ice cream" cone. But worry sets in with thoughts of his best friend, Piggie should he share his treat with her? As Gerald wrestles with the pros and cons, observant readers will notice that the ice cream is melting fast. By the time he decides in favor of sharing, it has melted into a puddle at his feet, and Gerald realizes that he "blew it." But timing is everything, and Piggie shows up at that moment with a cone of her own and happily shares it. "Not my plan," thinks Gerald, but he also realizes that this arrangement is fine. Willems's simple text allows beginning readers independent success, although the text and illustrations also work well as

a read-aloud. Fans of the series will not want to miss this offering, and adults can use the simple story to discuss sharing, friendship, and making decisions in a timely manner. Another winner. Stephanie Farnlacher, Trace Crossings Elementary School, Hoover, AL SLJ "The endless line of moral dilemmas presented by Willems' Elephant & Piggie series continues with this ode to the classic conflict between generosity and greed. Wow, is Elephant ever excited about his ice cream cone! (He is so excited his very word balloons are in cone shape.) But should he find Piggie and give her some before it all melts? Swift changes in text and image size provide much of the humor, though nothing is funnier than Elephant's rationalizing: "Sharing a flavor Piggie does not like would be wrong." Is it even possible to get tired of these books? - Daniel Kraus Booklist"

Mo Willems ([www.pigeonpresents.com](http://www.pigeonpresents.com)), a number one New York Times best-selling author and illustrator, has been awarded a Caldecott Honor on three occasions (for *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale*, and *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity*). *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* was also an inaugural inductee into the Indies Choice Picture Book Hall of Fame. And his celebrated Elephant & Piggie early reader series has been awarded the Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal on two occasions (for *There Is a Bird on Your Head!* and *Are You Ready to Play Outside?*). Other favorites include *Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed* and *City Dog, Country Frog*, illustrated by Jon J Muth. Mo began his career on *Sesame Street*, where he garnered six Emmy Awards.

I'm obsessed with Mo Willems! My kids love his books too, especially the ones about Elephant and Piggie. The stories are simple in dialog and illustration, but have a way of sucking them in with the silly characters' animated facial expressions. From a reading teacher perspective, these books are perfect for teaching the comprehension strategy of inferring feelings. *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* is about the (sometimes difficult) decision to share with someone else. I love that the book shows Gerald the Elephant's very relatable thought process as analyzes, rationalizes, and justifies different scenarios in his decision to share (or not to share!) his ice cream with his best friend, Piggie. The story has a surprising ending, and sparked some great discussion in our family.

My kids love the Elephant and Piggy books and this one was a great addition to our collection. These stories are entertaining yet simple and great for young kids. The story is easy for them to follow and they really get into it every time. They like to take turns "reading" the stories to each

other. If you are looking for good quality stories to add into your rotation of kids' stories, these books are great. I haven't found a disappointing one yet.

We adore the Elephant & Piggie series books. I'm sure you've seen a review or 3 on here before. My eldest daughter caught me reading these aloud to my 3 year old and had to come in and find out what the laughter was all about. It wasn't long before she started videotaping me and talking about it to her friends on social media. (I'm a bit of a drama queen when it comes to reading.) Reading these books to my toddler adds so much fun to her bedtime routine. Even she gets into it. Parents, don't be afraid to be loud and proud when you read. I'm sure that's how Mr. Willems intended it to be. ;)

Got this because my son has fallen in love with elephant and piggie. This one didn't disappoint, the lessons in sharing done through simple story telling are great.

We had one Elephant and Piggie book that we got from library surplus and my toddler loves reading it over and over, so I decided to get more. They are cute, simple stories with higher concepts good for teaching toddlers. I enjoy reading them, too. It won't be long before I end up buying them all.

My son loves, loves, loves this book! All the Elephant and Piggie books are good, but this is by far his favorite. He probably just likes that it's about ice cream. Anyway, it has a sweet message and it's quite silly - perfect for a silly toddler like mine.

This book is amusing and light-hearted with dialogues written inside captions and simple illustrations. This book as his others are relatable and easy for young readers with short attention spans (Pre K and K) just starting out. Mo Willems teaches kindness through Elephant and Piggy's every day interactions, thought processes, and adventures as in his other Elephant and Piggy books.

Lots of fun to read the agony Gerald goes through as he decides whether to share his ice cream with Piggie I read this one to my daughter's 3-year old daycare class (with my daughter saying the very limited Piggy lines in the book) and it was a big hit. One of many great Elephant & Piggie books.

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