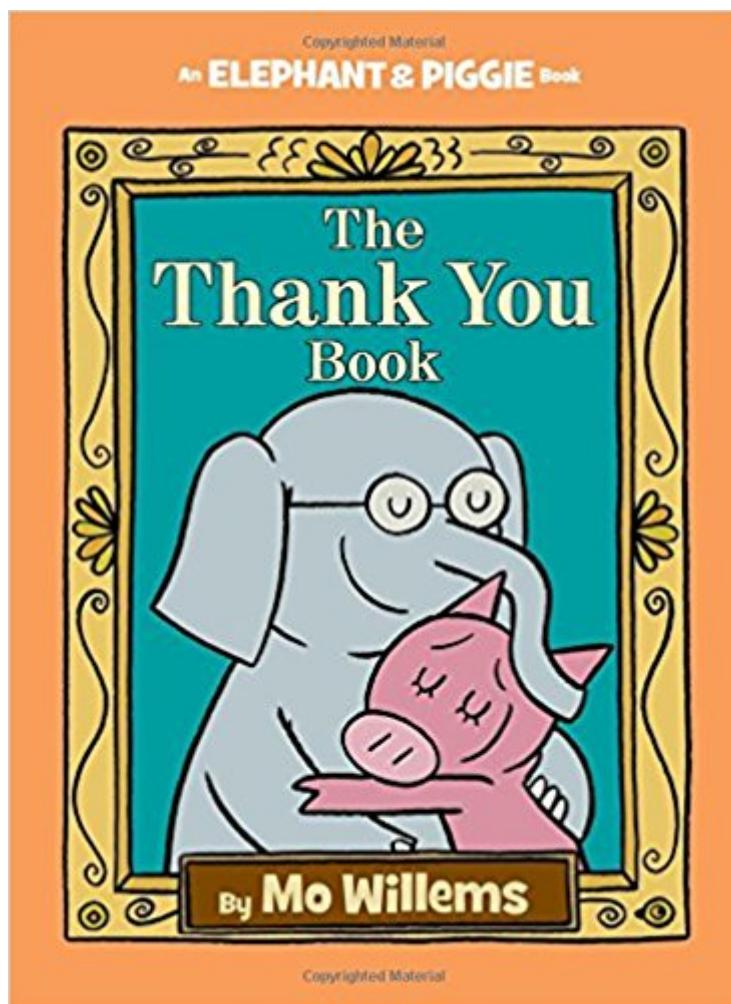


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# The Thank You Book (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## 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 *The Thank You Book!*, Piggie wants to thank EVERYONE. But Gerald is worried Piggie will forget someone . . . someone important.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-A sweet and pitch-perfect swan song to a wildly popular series. Reflecting on her good fortune and many blessings, Piggie decides to thank everyone who is important to her. Gerald thinks this is a bad idea, in that she runs the very big risk of forgetting someone. Piggie will not be dissuaded and embarks on her "Thank-o-rama!" She gives a shout-out to the Squirrels, Snake, the Pigeon, and other characters from the series, including Mouse, Birdies, Rhino, Hippo, Hippo's Big Sister, Barky Dog, Pelican, Bears, and Worms. Piggie turns into a thanking machine. Whale, Ice Cream Penguin, Doctor Cat, and Brian Rat all make appearances. Last, but hardly least, she remembers to acknowledge her partner in crime, Gerald, but there's still one important group that the effusive Piggie neglects to mention-their readers! Willems's brilliant, minimalist cartoon illustrations are as expressive and charming as ever. VERDICT The 25th installment in the winning series is a must-have for every collection and will lead kids to go back and revisit the earlier titles

again and again. Thanks, Mo Willems, you've helped a whole generation learn to be proficient readers with Gerald and Piggie. Hugs all around!-Luann Toth, School Library Journal © Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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*. The 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?*) as well as garnering five Geisel Honors (for *We Are in a Book!*, *I Broke My Trunk!*, *Let's Go for a Drive!*, *A Big Guy Took My Ball!* and *Waiting Is Not Easy!*). See above.

My girls have been fans of the Elephant & Piggie series for about five years. We have almost all of the books in the series; they have helped all three of them learn to read. We were very sad when we heard that *The Thank You Book* would be the last Elephant & Piggie book, and we were looking forward to one last funny story with Piggie and Gerald. As *The Thank You Book* begins, Piggie declares that she is going to thank everyone who has helped her. Gerald worries that she is going to forget someone, but Piggie insists that she will not. And then Piggie proceeded to thank every secondary character in the entire series, and I tried not to cry. They are all there, and fans of the series (like my girls) will enjoy seeing familiar friends. Gerald continues to worry that Piggie will forget someone- who could she possibly be forgetting that thank? The illustrations are relatively simple. Gerald and Piggie appear against a plain white background, and this places an emphasis on their facial expressions and body language. Gerald and Piggie communicate with each other via voice bubbles; the book consists of a conversation between the two friends and their acquaintances. I would recommend *The Thank You Book* to fans of the Elephant & Piggie series. My girls laughed as they recognized all of Elephant and Piggie's friends. If you aren't familiar with the series, this probably is not the best book to start with because you won't understand why Piggie is thanking all of these other animals. If that is the case, I would suggest starting with any of the other books- they are all funny books ideal for beginning readers. My girls and I are not sure what Mo Willems has planned next, but we are looking forward to it.

They say, "All good things must come to an end." I harrumph and ask, "Why?" Through the years, I've collected each new book as they are published. Now I've finally added the last and final book to this loving series, and it feels...overwhelming. I'm sad that it's come to an end. Though, my sons and I will be re-reading this for years to come.

Gerald and Pig books are amazing and funny books. It helped my first grader, who loves books to read. Now he has almost the entire collection. He even has in Portuguese (his second language). Which I managed to find in Brazil, on our last trip to visit my family). Even now he reads more advanced books he always come back to read those two guys. Gerald and Pig collection will be saved forever! Of course we had to get the last book of the collection!

This book and many in the series are just wonderful. My daughter is read to every night and being able to read through these little adventures/Piggie and Gerald scenarios is a pleasure. The animation is such that you can teach your child what expressions are saying via body language and the way the author involves you/your child the reader is very warm and appreciated by mine.

I cannot say enough nice things about this book. I have a 2nd grade student in one of my reading intervention groups that just adores the "Elephant and Piggie" series. The whole series was a bit too hard for her, but she loved the series so much that she kept reading them over and over by herself, with friends or with her mom until she was able to read the whole book all by herself. The series by Mo Willems pushed my student to a whole new level. I bought this book especially for her and her eyes immediately lit up. She read and reread it any chance she could get throughout the school day.

My son was so happy to receive this book - but also kind of sad that it's the last Elephant and Piggie book. He has loved these books for so many years - it was this series that he first memorized and "read" back verbatim, with correct facial expressions and intonation. I'm happy that the series is ending at this age (he's seven); I don't think I would have stopped buying Elephant and Piggie books, even if when he went off to college!

My 7 year old's favorite author and series of books. She cried when she found out this was the last book in the elephant and piggy series. We preordered it and it did not disappoint. As usual, Gerald

and Piggie are a joy to read. The perfect last book where they thank the reader. My daughter thought they were talking to her. She was even inspired to write a letter to Mo thanking him. Thank you Mo Willems for all the joy you have brought to our reading time!

As a first grade teacher, I bought all the Elephant and Piggie books for my early readers. The illustrations tell the story and inspire the students to read with such expression! The stories show the ups and downs of friendships, but above all, the importance of having friends and working things out with them. This book demonstrates the lost art of thanking others and shows how everyone appreciates being appreciated!

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