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# Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! The Cookie Fiasco



## Synopsis

Four friends. Three cookies. One problem. Hippo, Croc, and the Squirrels are determined to have equal cookies for all! But how? There are only three cookies . . . and four of them! They need to act fast before nervous Hippo breaks all the cookies into crumbs!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 **•** In this book within a book, readers are greeted by Elephant and Piggie, who are ready to share "some of their favorite books" with readers. Santat tackles the subject of division in a way that young kids will relate to **•** figuring out how to split up cookies fairly. The characters include a nervous purple hippo, a crocodile, a squirrel with pigtails, and a blue squirrel with glasses. They have a problem. There are four of them and only three cookies. How will they divide them up equally? Maybe the two squirrels should share one. Hippo suggests they share by size, but the crocodile protests, "WAIT! You are HUGE! You would get all the cookies!" Finally, a happy accident presents the solution. Those looking for "Elephant & Piggie" read-alikes will not be disappointed. The story is similarly told entirely in speech bubbles. The emotions of the characters are effectively conveyed through these speech bubbles, which change in size to express excitement and

frustration, and the comic-style illustrations, which add dramatic appeal and humor. The language is more complex than most beginning reader texts, but kids won't mind. VERDICT With fun new characters and cameo appearances by Elephant and Piggie, this title is sure to be a hit with beginning readers. Libraries should be prepared for this one to fly off the shelves. —Kimberly Tolson, Medfield Public Library, MA

Dan Santat ([www.dantat.com](http://www.dantat.com)) is the author and illustrator of the recent Caldecott winner, *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, and many other books. For Disney-Hyperion he illustrated *Oh, No!* and *Oh, No! Not Again!* by Mac Barnett, *Always Lots of Heinies at the Zoo* by Ayun Halliday, and *Because I'm Your Dad* by Ahmet Zappa. He is also the creator of Disney's animated hit *The Replacements*. Dan lives in Southern California with his wife, two kids, and two dogs. Mo Willems ([www.pigeonpresents.com](http://www.pigeonpresents.com)), a New York Times #1 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!*).

Well, I don't really love it but my 4 year old granddaughter loves it. It is one of the many books she likes read to her repeatedly. It is instructional while entertaining and the characters are funny-looking. She has the words largely memorized now but still wants grandma to read it while grandpa drives her to preschool.

Cute book and you learn some math! I'm a fan. I also really like that Piggie and Gerald are reading the book. My 7yo granddaughter believed she only knew how to read Piggie and Gerald books, so this was the perfect transition.

My daughter is a huge fan of the Elephant and Piggie books; we were so sad to hear the series had ended. So far my daughter has loved all the books in this new series, she likes to read *The Cookie Fiasco* over and over.

Great book! My 5-year-old was super excited to see that Piggie and Gerald were reading the book

with him. The book is like many of Mo Willems's books in the tone, and has a great math lesson as well!

My kids (ages 6 and 4) love this book! It's a great story on sharing and gives them a hidden math lesson (which I love). They actually bed over and laugh when the hippo keeps snapping the cookies into pieces (because she gets nervous). So funny! Definitely a keeper!!!

My first grader loves these three books. My husband hates reading them to him. He looks at them and reads them by himself often.

Yay Mo Willems! The Cookie Fiasco is yet another masterpiece in Mo's newest series. Kids of all ages engage, and of COURSE pidgeon is hiding ;)

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