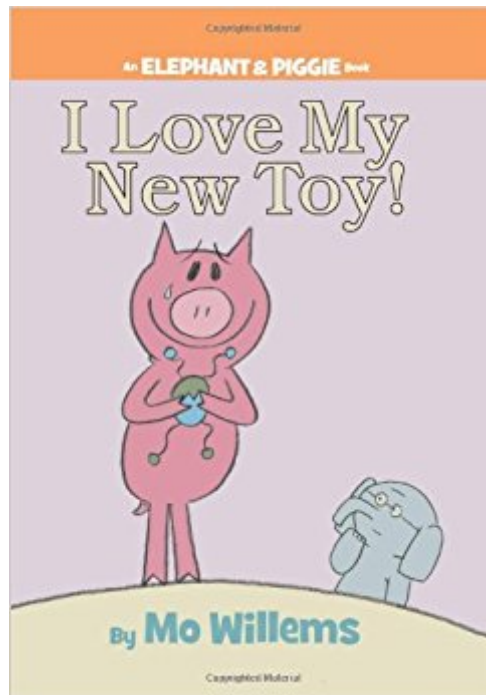


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# I Love My New Toy! (An Elephant And Piggie Book)



## 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 *I Love My New Toy!*, Piggie can't wait to show Gerald her brand new toy. But will an accidentally broken toy accidentally break a friendship?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Kindergarten-Grade 2 *—* In classic Willems style, the characters' expressions and body language carry both stories, with the deceptively simple line art saying far more than the slight, though whimsical, texts. When Gerald accidentally breaks Piggie's new toy, he is by turns ashamed, chagrined, and apologetic. Piggie is mad, sad, and finally embarrassed (a squirrel shows them that the "broken toy" is of the "break-and-snap" variety). The pals then decide that playing together is more fun than playing with a toy anyway. In the second title, the two watch a squirrel surprise a friend by jumping out from behind a rock. Mischievous Gerald and Piggie then plan together how to "surprise" one another in the same way. They sit behind opposite sides of a large stone and wait to be surprised. And wait. And wait. And worry. Savvy readers will know exactly what happens when each friend thinks that the other has left. These masterful mini-dramas will delight and amuse easy-reader and picture-book audiences, alike. *—* Kelly Roth, Bartow County

**\*Starred Review\*** In this new addition to the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award-winning Elephant and Piggie series, Piggie has a great new toy, although she's not exactly sure what it does. Elephant thinks that perhaps it's a throwing toy. And throw it he does, right up in the air, and then it smashes in two pieces. Uh-oh. At first it seems as though there will be a break in the friendship as well as a broken toy. Elephant's "sorry" is not accepted by Piggie, though they do share a few tears. When Squirrel comes around and spots the toy as one of the "break-and-snap" variety, showing it's as good as new, the friends soon realize that playing together is more fun than any old toy. This offers plenty of opportunity for new readers to learn useful words like sad and mad, but the charm comes in the way Willems captures the emotions of young children, sometimes with a line of dialogue ("You broke it!"), and sometimes with an artful drawn line that says as much as words. Grades K-2.

--Ilene Cooper

The Turkeybird Speaks(My son's opinion, age 3): "Give me a minute...thanks! I needed a second to compose myself. The best part about this book...my mom, reading it to me. She's amazing! If I could get her to read it over and over for hours every day I would, because it's great. Hold on, I think I might be able to get her to read it!..."Hahaha! That was great, I mean really! You are missing out on life if you haven't read this, because if I'm not mistaken they have studies proving that laughter helps you live longer, right? I can't stop laughing! Haha! Every time I even see this book I have to chuckle, it's so much fun. And if it couldn't get much better, it's all about a toy! Wonderful. Mo Willems is by far one of my favorite authors and illustrators. He's a genius! Go out get this book and read it to the nearest 2 to 4 year old you know, they will love you forever for it."Mom's Two Cents: "One of my favorite things about this book, The Turkeybird's reaction. I honestly can say that very rarely do I see him light up the way he does when I read this book to him. And who doesn't appreciate that? It was a joy, yet again today when he ran into my room with this book in tow and a huge grin on his face. I'd read it once and then he'd say 'again! again!'. How could I refuse such plea's? It truly was the highlight of my day."I Love My New Toy! is the story of a little Piggie (insert the nearest preschool age child in your life) and her adventure getting, losing and regaining a toy and more importantly a friend. Piggie initially chooses to share her toy with her good friend Gerald, but he causes strife by breaking it...or so they think. Piggie goes through a range of emotions and

eventually finds that it's better to forgive than hold a grudge. It teaches children that friends are the things to be treasured not just our possessions."When we purchased this for The Turkeybird it was in the hopes that it would help him with sharing. I'm not entirely sure that it's helped so far, but it has taught him some other very valuable lessons. It's helped him put names to feelings and emotions he's had. Recently he had a toy break and I think reading the book helped him understand it was okay, he had other toys and friends to play with. He still values the things he has, but I'm pretty sure it's helping him to see they aren't what is important in life."A great book with a great message that's also very entertaining. Perfect for reading together between you and your toddler or even a group of toddlers together could be great!"The1stdaughter Recommends: Toddlers of any age will love being read this book. Also great for teaching children about different emotions by putting a name to them in a way they can understand. And helping them to see what is important in life.

Great book!

My 5 year old has just recently discovered these books and he and I BOTH love them! Mo Willems books are ones that I don't mind reading over and over. They are funny for children as well as adults. We have several other books, and we love them all. The story lines are very cute! Great work Mo!

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Such a cute ok, love the illustrations!!

I love this one so-o much. I liked everything about it. Someone from called my grandmother (Janice Harbin) tonight and as soon as the caller identified herself as being from .com - it became a DROPPED CALL. She did not call back. Janice tried to call them back (have caller ID on cell phone) but that was not a number which could take calls.PLEASE SEND THIS TO THE CORRECT DEPARTMENT.

E&P books are great for new readers. My son loves the stories and the pictures. There is always a lesson to be learned in these books, and he returns to them time and again even though his reading level has gone beyond these books.

I recently learned about these Mo Williams books. My daughter wants them read to her over and over again. I laugh and laugh because Gerald and Piggie are adorable with sweet lessons :)

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