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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 *Pigs Make Me Sneeze!*, Gerald believes he is allergic to his best friend! Will he have to stay away from Piggie forever?

## Pigs Make Me Sneeze! Details

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### **Elizabeth says**

I was waiting for somebody to point out that Gerald couldn't be allergic to Piggie. They had hung out before, and he never sneezed. Therefore, something else must be making him sneeze. Unless you want to introduce the concept of developed allergies to kids? I actually don't know if kids can develop allergies or if that only happens in adults.

Once I saw Dr. Cat, I thought Gerald was just allergic to cats, and Dr. Cat had just been nearby. Cat allergies are rather common after all, but nope.

However, I really enjoyed his ending; that's probably my favorite part.

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### **Becky B says**

Gerald can't stop sneezing, and he's afraid it is because he has developed an allergy to pigs. He goes to the doctor, and he sneezes there too! So maybe he is allergic to pigs and cats! But the doctor has a much more logical explanation that allows Gerald and Piggie to remain friends, even if they're both sneezing now.

Another humorous little book from Gerald & Piggie, this one with subtle messages about jumping to conclusions (and covering up your sneezes). Kids should get a big kick out of how Gerald's sneezes practically blow Piggie and the doctor into the next county (I know I did). And if you're looking for a fun book to cheer up a little sneezing one, this could be just the medicine they need.

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### **Laura McLoughlin says**

Pretty fun book. Lots of opportunities to work on your best fake sneezes. Kathryn enjoyed it, but the dog does not like when people pretend to sneeze (although he is not at all bothered by actual sneezes), much barking ensued.

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### **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!

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## **Pam ?Because Someone Must Be a Thorn? Tee says**

"Pigs Make Me Sneeze!" is a cute book that certainly had the little ones worrying at first. You see as the book opens Piggie is cartwheeling up to Gerald, as happy as can be. Gerald is delighted, as usual, to see his friend. But then it begins. Gerald begins sneezing and sneezing. In fact, his giant elephant sneezes blow Piggie all around. But he just can't stop. Which is when he frighteningly concludes that he just might be allergic to pigs.

The drama is heightened when Gerald leaps to the conclusion that this sneezing could be the end of their friendship. To find out if that is the case, he visits a new character, Dr. Cat. Dr. Cat is examining him when the sneezing begins again. And guess what? Gerald concludes he's allergic to cats as well.

Is this the end of Piggie and Gerald's friendship? Will Gerald have to find a new doctor? Well... you'll have to read and find out.

Talking Points:::

Written at the first grade level --AR generic "1"-- "Pigs Make Me Sneeze!" is a cute story in the Elephant and Piggie Series.

Though not our favorite, it's well worth tracking down and reading. The artwork is typical Mo-- which is to say wonderful. And I really like the message that you coincidence does not mean causality.

It's a good Read-Aloud.

Pam T~  
mom and reviewer at [BooksForKids-reviews.com](http://BooksForKids-reviews.com)

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## **Angie says**

I really don't know how Mo Willems does it but each Elephant and Piggie book is as wonderful as the last. I just can't get enough of these two. Every time I see a new one I have to read it and I really want to read it out loud (you really get the full effect if you read it out loud). These characters are awesome, the illustrations just enhance the story and the few words are easy to read and appropriate to the target age. But who really cares about that stuff...the important thing is that these books are FUN! You will love them, kids will love them, everyone will love them.

In this book Gerald sneezes around Piggie and decides he is allergic to him. This is TERRIBLE because if pigs make him sneeze and Piggie is a pig then what is he going to do? Enter Doctor Cat who diagnosis a cold. Problem solved! Elephant isn't allergic to Piggie after all. But he did give Piggie his cold. Oh the expressions on their faces. I loved the horror when Gerald realizes Piggie makes him sneeze and the look on Piggie's face when he has gotten Elephant's cold. Priceless!

Check out these books. You won't regret it.

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## **Joy says**

Gerald is in a panic. He started sneezing uncontrollably when Piggie arrived.. So he must be allergic to her, right? Is this the end of a friendship????

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## **Connie says**

Think Dick and Jane. Or, nowadays, think Dick and Jane with rhyming to make phonics. They have boring little stories that clearly repeat a lot of words for the sake of repeating them. I mean, they try, they really do, but there's only so much most authors can do with a list of 300 words, most of them short. These books are HARD to write.

Consequently, when your kid or student has outgrown a particular early reader, they're done with it. These books aren't REAL literature, after all. And real books are what kids REALLY want to read. We keep telling them to slog through the boring early readers and hope they take pride in the reading itself, but they WANT to read a good story.

Enter Elephant and Piggie. I don't know HOW Mo Willems does it, but with a few words and some simple drawings he's able to make these amazingly funny stories. I'm 26 years old, and \*I\* look forward to a new Elephant and Piggie book! These books last. You can use them as early readers. You can read them to younger children. Your early reader will read them again and again - which is great, because reading a text a second or third (or tenth) time is essential for building literacy skills. Plus, the text consists entirely of dialog. Hysterical dialog. So when you read - even as an early reader! - you have to ham it up. A lot. (The pictures help tell you the mood.) With any luck, this will help prevent kids from developing that monotonous drone so many of them have when they read aloud. YOU know the one, the one that can turn even the most exciting fight scene into a dirge? Dirges at least have melody.... And the pictures are just right too - first, they're super funny (Gerald's face when he decides he can't be near his best friend is classic) and second they provide enough clues to help the slower reader without telling the whole story. Your kid HAS to read the words to know what's going on, unlike in many books where they can look at the pictures and start guessing.

I can't praise these books highly enough. BUY THEM. Buy them for you. Buy them for your local school. Buy them for your kid.

The only problem I have with them is that they aren't available in paperback. Bummer. But they're pretty inexpensive for hardcover.

As for this particular book, it's not quite as funny as the others, but they set a pretty high bar. Best scene? Either the one where Gerald explains to Doctor Cat that "Pigs make me sneeze. And PIGGIE is a pig!" or the one where Piggie puts on a helmet in preparation for Gerald's next sneeze, but then Gerald gives this teeny tiny little -choo at the end of it.

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### **Dichotomy Girl says**

My 3 year old daughter loves these books (and pretty much everything by Mo Willems), these are particularly nice as she is beginning to sound out/ recognize words. But listening to her laugh is the best part!

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### **Anthony says**

Absolutely adorable.

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### **Matt says**

Mo Willems continues to be a favourite author in our house, always finding new and exciting ways to make Gerald and Piggie's adventures come to life. In this story, Gerald is ready to play with Piggie, but soon lets out a large sneeze. Fearing the worst, Gerald is convinced that he is allergic to pigs, therefore he cannot see his best friend any longer. Thankfully, Doctor Cat is close at hand and does an examination, offering up a medical opinion that might brighten everyone's day! Neo knows all about allergies and sickness, though he does not like to be sidelined for too long. Thankfully, he has many wonderful friends to keep him company.

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### **Jack Marryatt says**

Great book 10/10. Weird how it is PIGS make me sneeze but it's only an elephant on the cover.

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### **Lydia says**

Gerald and Piggie are just meeting up to decide what to do with their day, when Gerald begins to sneeze! He sneezes so hard Piggie is blown around, as she comes back over, he sneezes again! Could it be that Gerald is allergic to Piggie? Horrified at the thought, Gerald runs into Dr. Cat who thinks there may be a different explanation, which thrills Gerald, but Piggie is less happy about the consequences.

Gerald has some impressive sneezes! Could also have used a note on covering your mouth/nose when you sneeze, but still a fun story as Gerald jumps to a crazy conclusion in two seconds flat.

No content issues.

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### **Nicole says**

My 2nd grader loves these elephant and piggie books and has brought home many of them from the school

library. Tonight this one and the "Let's Go for a Drive" were such fun family read-alouds. We all had a good laugh. My favorites of the series so far.

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### **Nichole Forest says**

1. Category/Genre: Easy Reader, Fiction
2. Copyright Date: 2009, Hyperion Books for Children
3. Age level of Interest: K-3
4. Reading Level: 1.3
5. Brief Description: Gerald the elephant thinks that pigs make him sneeze and that he/Piggie can't be friends because of the sneezing. When Gerald meets Dr. Cat and is still sneezing, that's when he realizes there might be something else that's making him sneeze.
6. Two Characteristics:
  1. Strong picture support. The text works well with the illustrations, especially on page 7 when elephant is about to sneeze and he keeps saying "aaaaa", so piggie guesses what he is trying to say. The pictures show an exaggerated elephant pose with piggie watching; thereby giving the reader an experience they have encountered I'm sure in their own sneezing situations.
  2. Repetitive patterns: The sneezing that Gerald does on almost every page is certainly a pattern and gives the reader the expectation that he will be sneezing throughout this book. They will come to see that pattern as the book is either read to them, or they read it to themselves.
7. How well does the book reach its intended audience? Intended audience is emergent readers as well as those that cannot yet read. Story connects well with each of these groups in that has large print, natural language and has familiar concepts.
8. Awards/Reviews/Citations:

Book Links, 06/01/10

Booklist, 12/01/09

Christian Library Journal, 04/01/11

Horn Book Magazine, 01/01/10

School Library Journal starred, 12/01/09

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