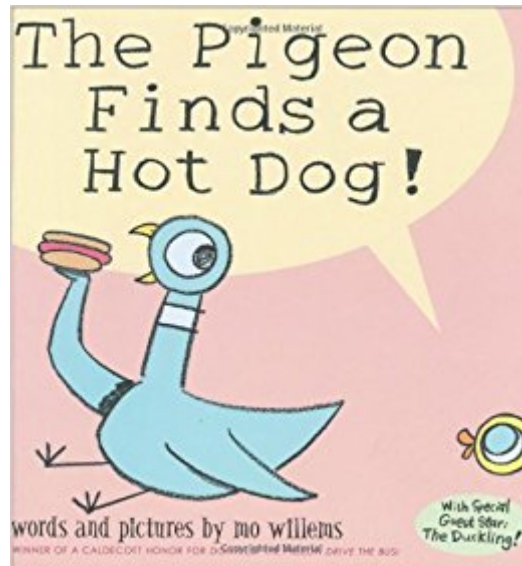




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# **The Pigeon Finds A Hot Dog!**



## Synopsis

When Pigeon finds a delicious hot dog, he can hardly wait to shove the entire thing in his beak. But . . . then a very sly and hungry duckling enters the scene and wants a bite. Who will be the more clever bird? In this hilarious follow-up to the acclaimed *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* Mo Willems has created another avian adventure that encourages children to share even their most prized processed foods. Mo Willems is a six-time Emmy Award-winning writer and animator for *Sesame Street* and the head writer of Cartoon Network's *Code Name: Kids Next Door*. *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!* is the companion to Mo's first children's book, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* He is also the author of *Time to Pee!*.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Sesame Street veteran and Emmy Award-winner Mo Willems returns with a fast, funny follow-up to *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*--only this time, the short-tempered pigeon faces his perfect foil in a "special guest star" duckling. In the previous Pigeon book, author and illustrator Willems expertly distilled the escalating emotions of preschoolers all too anxious to get their way. *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!*--also a simple and sparsely illustrated story--explores the flip side of that coin, exposing the poker-face persuasive powers of young negotiators. The pigeon just wants to

greedily eat the hot dog that he's found: "Ooooooh! A hot dog! Yummy! Yummy! Yummy!" Then along comes the duckling, "scooty scoot scoot!" with his insistent questions about hot dogs: "What do they taste like?...Would you say that it tastes like chicken?...Hey, I'm a curious bird." At first, the pigeon entertains the duckling, "Each morsel is a joy! A celebration in a bun!", but then he soon suspects the little bird might have designs on his delicious dog. In the end, of course, the clever duckling gets his way--and half of the hot dog: "You know, you're pretty smart for a duckling." (Ages Baby to Preschool) --Paul Hughes

PreSchool-Grade 1-In this second book featuring the star of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* (Hyperion, 2003), the shoe is on the other foot. Once again, the action starts on the title page, with the pigeon's joyous discovery of a hot dog. However, his initial delight is dampened when a small, wide-eyed duckling appears and asks, in a seemingly innocent manner, "Is that a 'hot dog'?" The interloper's younger status is conveyed not just through his tinier size, but also through his dialogue, which is presented in smaller, rounder font. Though the duckling never directly asks for a bite, his incessant questioning-"Would you say that it tastes like chicken?"-infuriates the pigeon. Ultimately, the duckling's subtle approach proves successful, and both birds happily share the treat. Children, especially those with younger siblings, will have come up with this obvious solution long before the pigeon does. Willems's deceptively simple cartoon drawings convincingly portray his protagonist's emotional dilemma, from his initial joy to his frustration and struggle over what he wants to do versus what he knows is right. Robin L. Gibson, formerly at Perry County District Library, New Lexington, OH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

If you love Mo Willems, you will love this book. heck, if you don't know Mo Willems, you should, but, you'll still love this book. He has such a delightful way of telling a story with simple pictures. this book has photographs with cartoony pictures on top. The storyline is simple but is easily relatable for young kids (ages 2 1/2 - 5). There's some nice repetition with where they go and I think most kids and parents can relate to feeling frustrated with communicating with little guys before they can really talk. Also, the attachment to a stuffed animal or other toy that is missing is relatable. I have given this to older siblings as they get a new baby at home - sort of a more fun way to talk about toddlers.

All the Mo Willems Pigeon books and Elephant & Piggy books are well done enough to be fun for

the adults who have to read them over and over, too. (I haven't read his other book series, but intend to.)

My 2 year old loves this book! She laughs and laughs at the things the pigeon says. We checked several pigeon books out at the library and this was by far her favorite. She only has a few books she really likes and we read them over and over again, so I am glad to have another that she enjoys reading.

nothing better than elephant and piggie books! they are such a fun read. great illustrations and story! I live far far far away from my grandson and I bought him this book to help him understand what far away meant and why he wasn't seeing me all of the time like his other grandparents. I even included a copy of a map of the east coast and mapped out the roads from his house to mine. Folded it up in the page where the characters talk about the MAPPY MAPPY MAPPY. Worth buying for a little one you love!

I love the Elephant and Piggie books (and so does my son)! I've been reading these books to my son since he first got "Today I Will Fly" for his first birthday. We love being theatrical in our interpretations of the characters and enjoy the Pidgeons cameo in all the books. They're great, short reads with substance and wit. "Let's Go for a Drive" is another great peak into the world of Elephant and Piggie.

Everybody loves these pigeon books: the six-year-old who reads them by herself, the four-year old who loves hearing them read to him, and the 1-1/2 year-old who sits and points to the drawings while grandma reads--or paraphrases--the stories. If you love one pigeon book, you love them all. That's why I purchased the whole series for my grandchildren.

The rhythm of this book is awesome for drawing out interaction and giggles. Every time Gerald says he needs a certain item for the drive, they go through a rhythmic "drivey-drivey-drivey drive!" that repeats until the end of the book. My 2 year old loves those parts and has been participating in the chants with me. We even do it throughout the day with everyday objects.

I've been reading Elephant and Piggie books to my 6 year old for several years now, and we both love them. "We're in a Book" was the first, and we were both hooked after that. They're as much fun

to read as they are for the children to listen to. "I'm a Frog" is a really strong entry. I like it more than the most recent two, "Let's Go For a Drive", and "A Big Kid Took My Ball

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