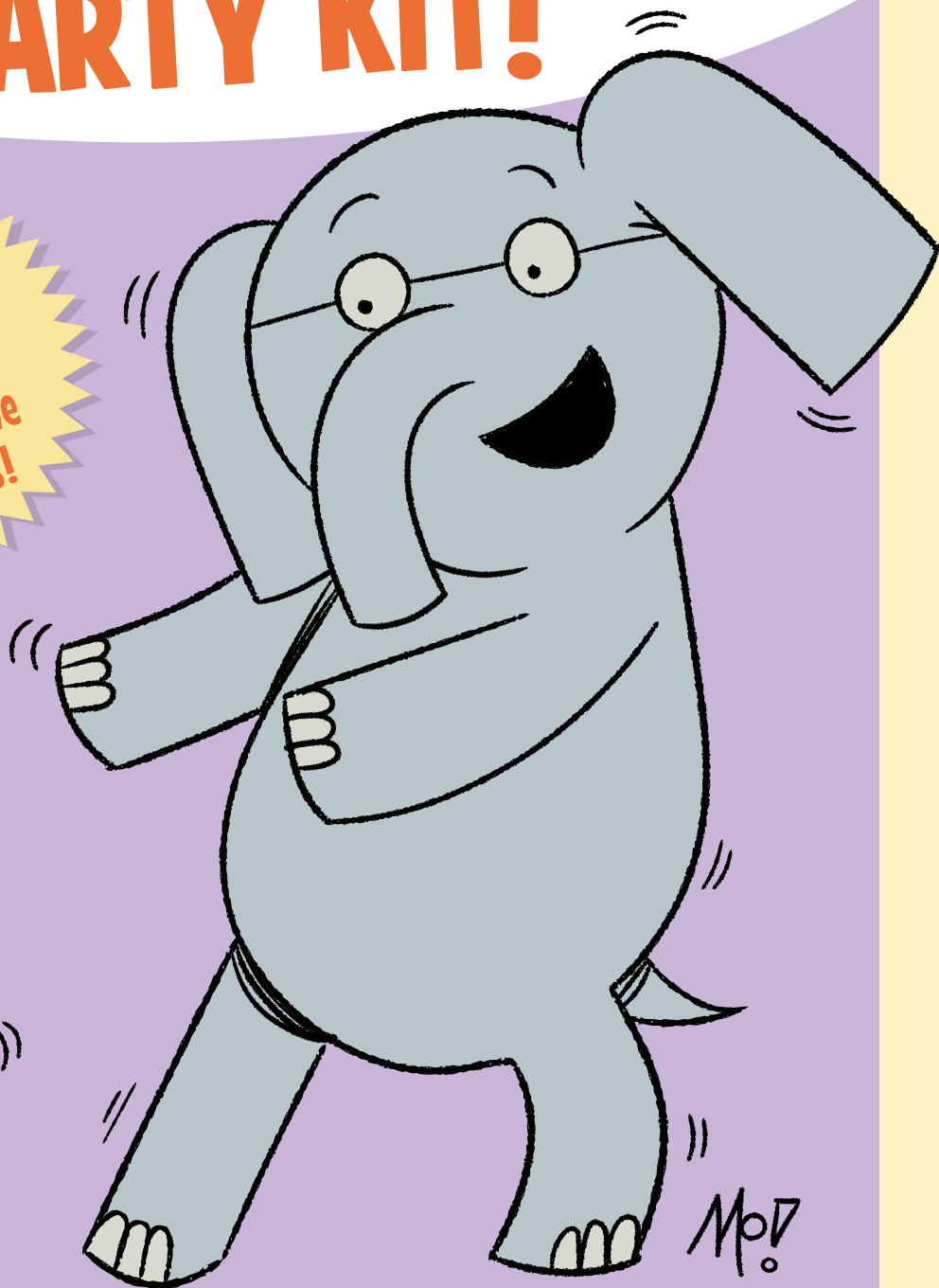
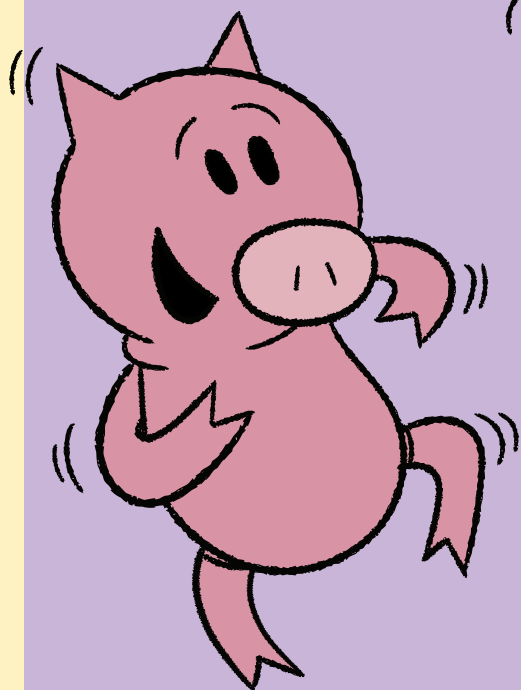


the MO WILLEMS

THANK-O-RAMA!

PARTY KIT!

Winners
of two Theodor
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Dear Reader:

Here they go again. The two characters created by Mo Willems—Elephant and Piggie—are back for more exciting adventures.

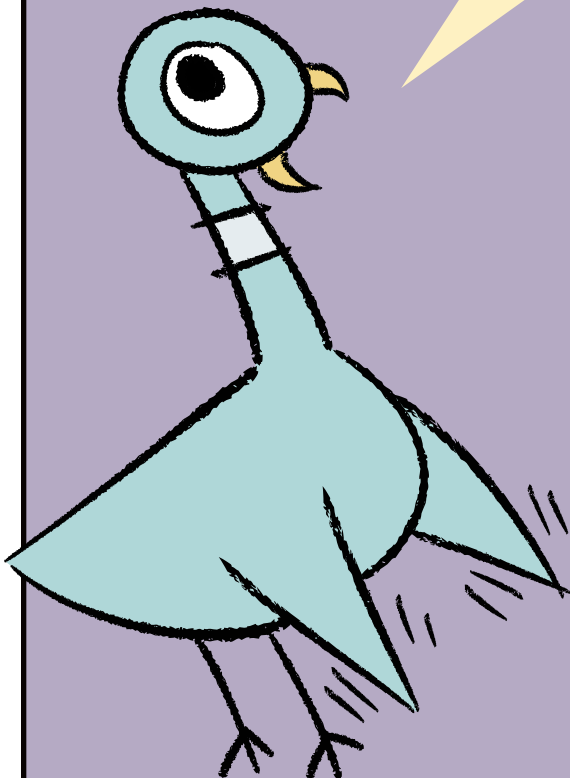
At least, Mo thinks they're exciting.

Okay, fine. The books are sort of hilarious, and charming (I suppose), and they speak directly to kids. Piggie is an optimistic pig, and Elephant (also known as Elephant Gerald) is a cautious, pessimistic elephant.

Sure, go ahead. Like them. *Love* them! But whatever you do, please—don't let them drive the bus!

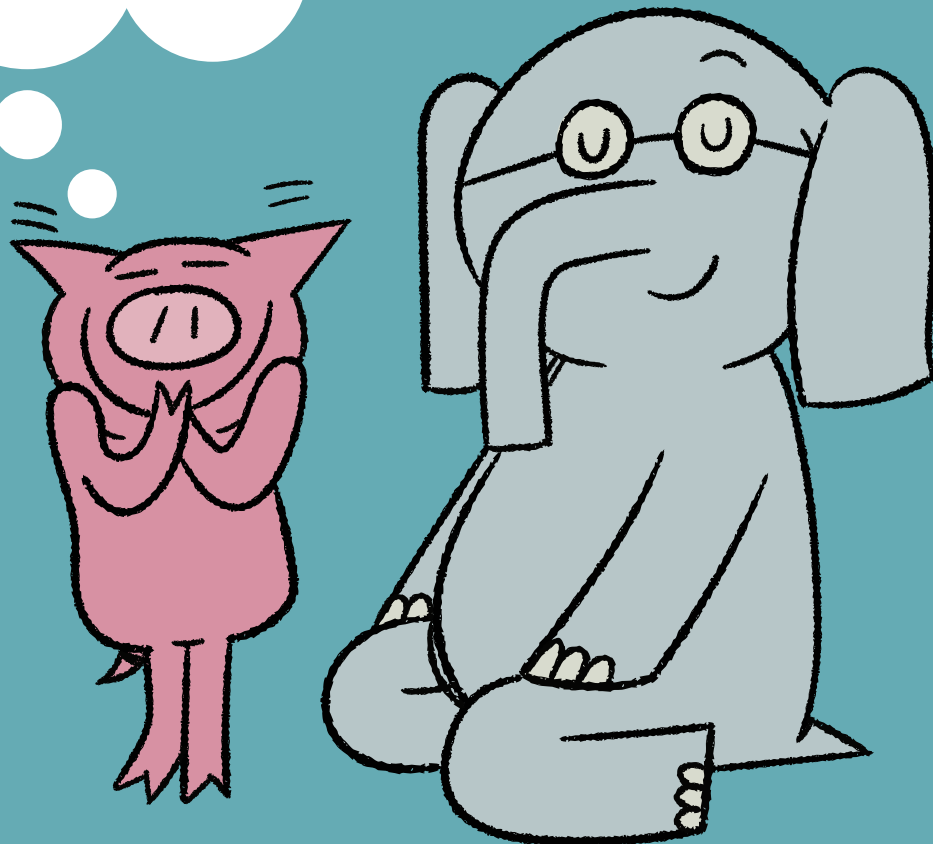
Sincerely,

Pigeon



ELEPHANT & PIGGIE STORY TIME IDEAS!

- Make Elephant and Piggie name tag stickers. Write the children's names in **BLOCK** letters as they arrive.
- Decorate your space in a manner fitting Elephant and Piggie! Put up gray and pink signs and streamers to get in the spirit!
- Give everyone a chance to participate. Divide your reading group into Elephants and Piggies, and have the different groups repeat some of their dialogue out loud as you are reading the story.

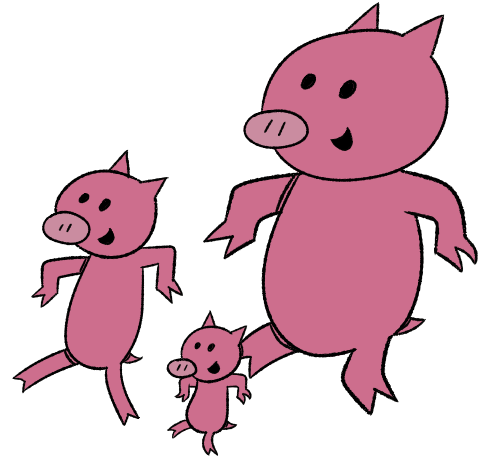


CIRCLE TIME ACTIVITIES

- **Happy Pig Day! Song**

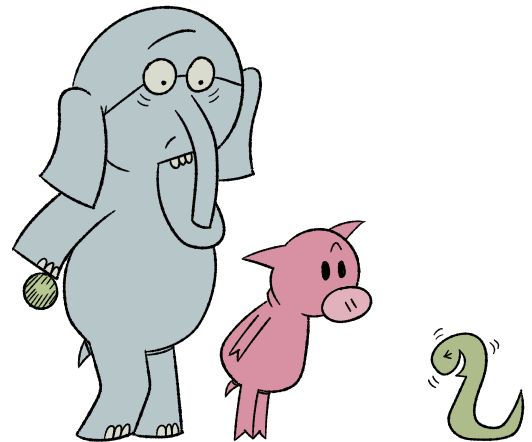
In *Happy Pig Day!*, Piggie celebrates her favorite day of the year—Happy Pig Day!

But what celebration is complete without a song? Help Elephant and Piggie craft the perfect song to celebrate Happy Pig Day! Divide the children into groups, assigning one adult into each group to help the children write the song lyrics. Then have the children perform their song out loud for all to hear!



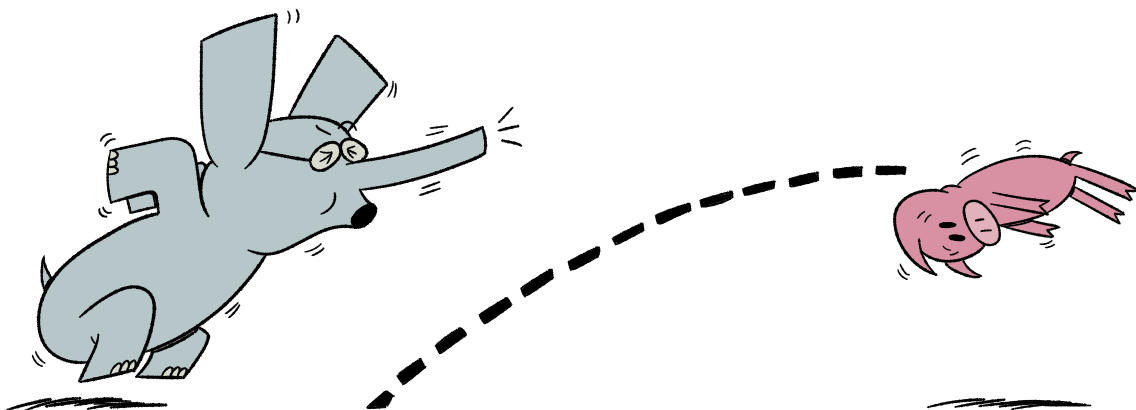
- **More Friends for Elephant and Piggie!**

Can I Play Too? introduces a new friend for Elephant and Piggie — Snake! Have kids pair up to brainstorm another new friend for Elephant and Piggie, and share with the group. How would Elephant and Piggie respond to this new friend? What kinds of games could they play with their new friend?



- **Can You Achoo?**

After reading *Pigs Make Me Sneeze!*, have kids show off their best sneezing technique (fake sneezes only, please!) by getting up in front of the group and practicing their best (and LOUDEST) achoo! For extra fun, have the kids decorate a tissue box with Elephant and Piggie drawings, and give the winner a “prize” of a tissue box!



CIRCLE TIME ACTIVITIES

• Where Are You Going?

At the end of *I Am Going!*, Piggie reveals that she is going . . . to have lunch! But where are some of the other places Elephant and Piggie could go? Distribute blank pieces of paper and crayons to each of the children, and ask them to draw one fun new place where Elephant and Piggie could go. Then have the class share all of their exciting locations!

• It's Time to Cut a Rug!

After reading *Elephants Cannot Dance!*, teach the kids a bit about some of the well-known dances from different decades, and give them an opportunity to strut their stuff! Play music from the 1920s to the 1970s. Here is a quick list of dances for your reference, or go online to find more dance moves!

1920s – The Charleston

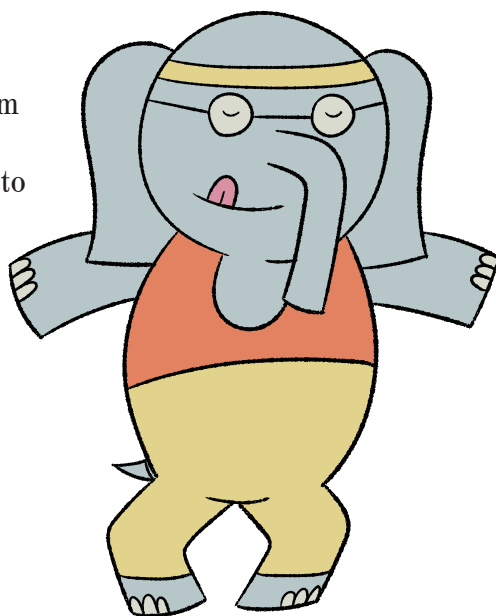
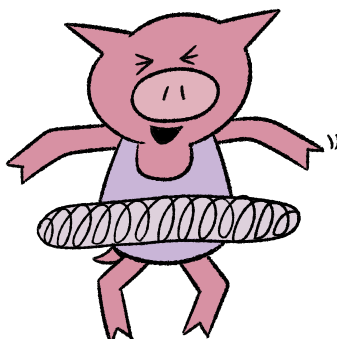
1930s – Tap

1940s – Swing

1950s – Cha-cha

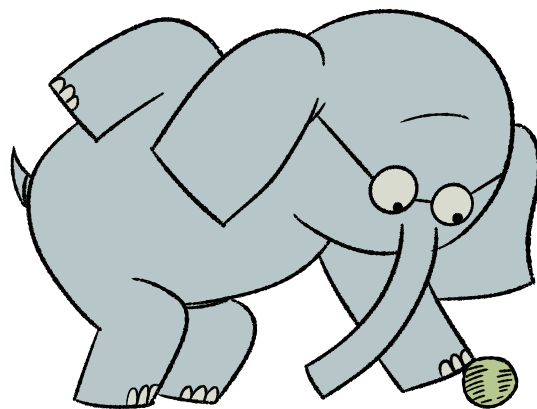
1960s – The Twist

1970s – The Pogo or The Hustle



• Ball in the Bucket

After discussing *Watch Me Throw the Ball!*, challenge kids on their ball-throwing skills. First, ask kids to line up. With a rope or some masking tape, make a line on the ground, behind which the player should stand. Set a bucket one foot away from the line, and ask the first child to toss a tennis ball into the bucket. Ask that child to go to the back of the line, and give the next child a chance. Keep going one by one. If a child misses, he or she is eliminated from the game. After all of the children are done, move the bucket another foot away, and the game continues until there is only one child left—the winner!



CIRCLE TIME ACTIVITIES

- **My Favorite Toy Guessing Game**

After reading *I Love My New Toy!*, play a fun drawing and guessing game based on the children's favorite toys from home. Ask each child to stand in front of the group and draw a special toy on a large pad of paper or the chalkboard. The audience can call out answers as the drawing gets more developed, and the winner, with the most correct answers, gets a small toy that you bring to the event.

- **Surprise Gift Bags**

After reading *I Will Surprise My Friend!*, announce to the kids that they'll be making surprise gift bags to give to a friend or family member. Provide children with white bags that they can decorate with images of Elephant and Piggie, and give them great materials to put inside, such as a flower, a pad of stationery with colorful pencils, and even a small box of cookies. Don't forget to have them create a "For You" card, too!

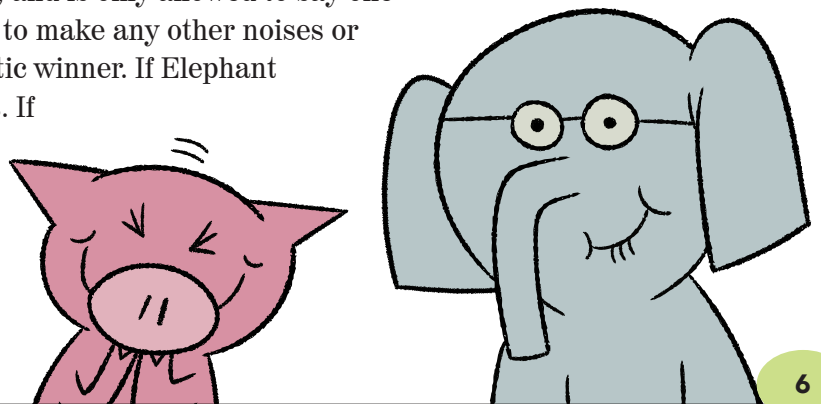
- **Dress Up!**

Read *I Am Invited to a Party!* out loud, using props. Store them in a box or sack. As you pull out each of the props, have children put them on. Props could include Elephant's top hat, a bow tie, cane, giant gloves, earrings, flippers, water wings, goggles, a cowboy hat, and a bandanna.



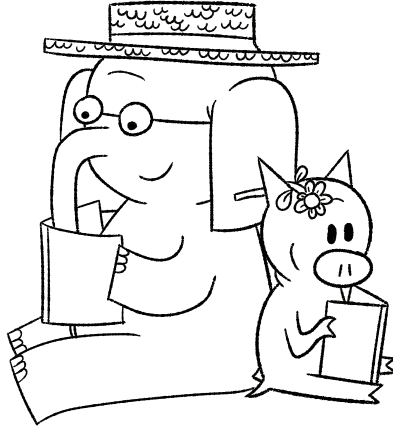
- **Make Me Laugh, Piggie!**

Have your group break into pairs: one of each pair is Elephant Gerald and the other is Piggie. When you give the starting signal, Piggie faces Elephant and has one minute to make him laugh. Elephant must keep his "serious" face and not smile or laugh at all. Piggie may use her hand and facial expressions to make Elephant laugh, and is only allowed to say one thing: "Oink, oink." Piggie is not permitted to make any other noises or touch Elephant, or Elephant is the automatic winner. If Elephant laughs before the minute is up, Piggie wins. If not, Elephant wins. Then have the pairs switch roles and do it again.



FUN AND GAMES IN EVERY SEASON!

Spring

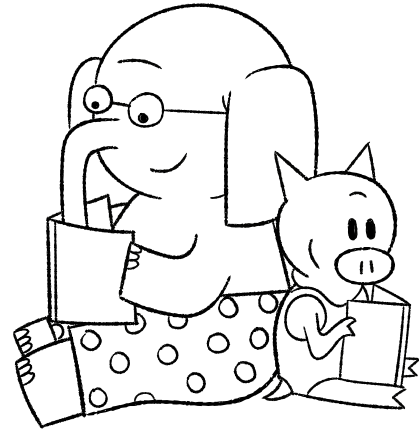


IN THE SPRING . . .

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Summer

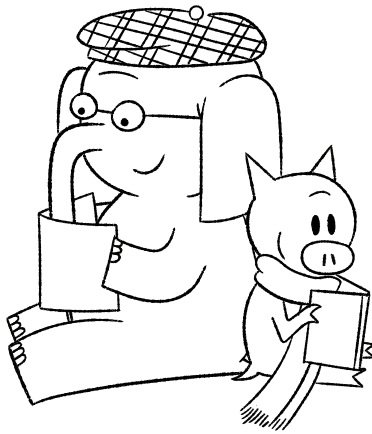


IN THE SUMMER . . .

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while Piggie likes to read about _____

Fall



IN THE FALL . . .

Elephant likes to read about _____

while Piggie likes to read about _____

Winter



IN THE WINTER . . .

Elephant likes to read about _____

while Piggie likes to read about _____

IT'S A THANK-O-RAMA!

Who will you thank? Fill in the speech balloon below. Then, cut along the dotted line and share your Thank-o-Rama Thank-You!



I WILL
THANK

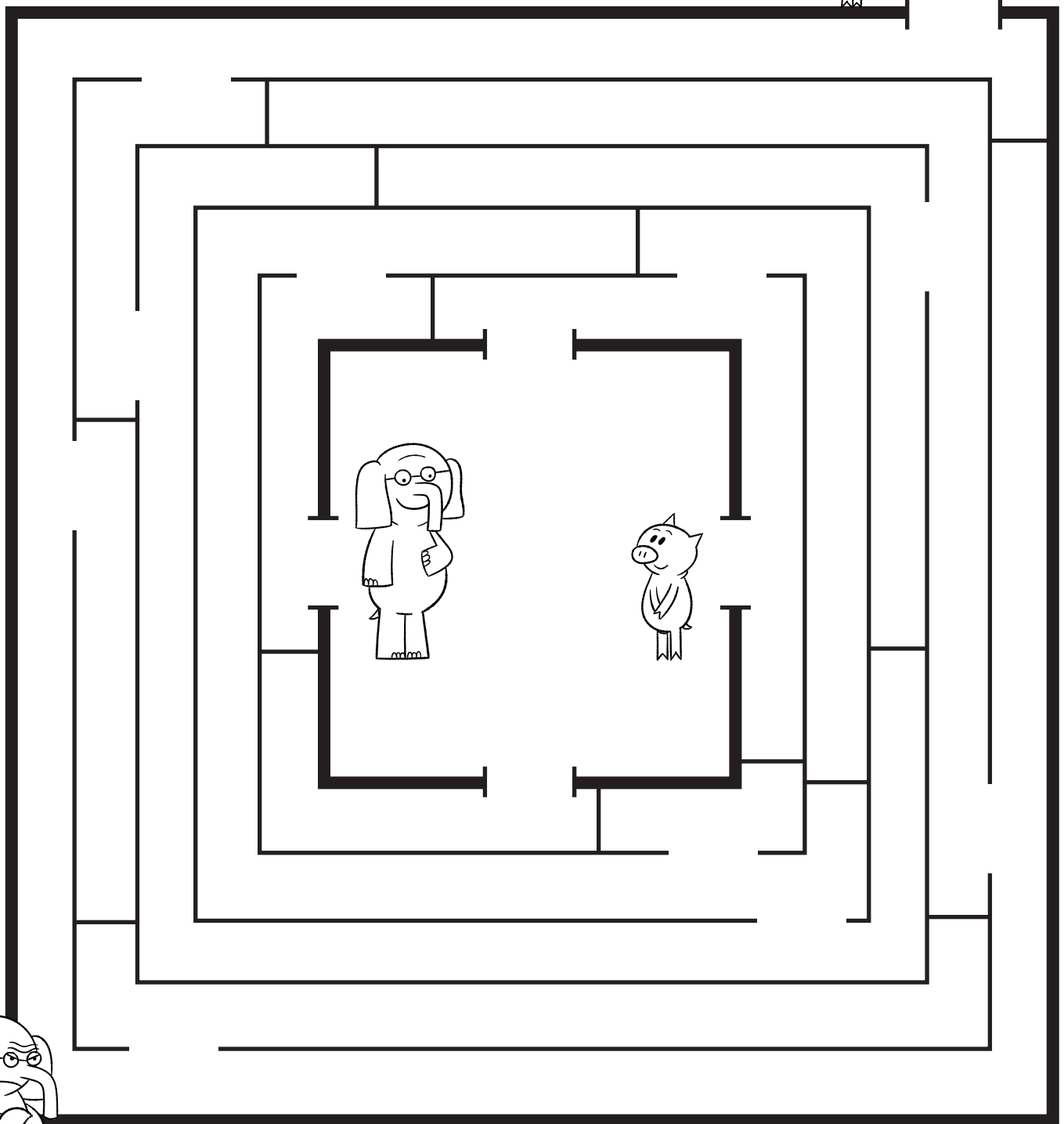
#ThankoRama

FIND YOUR FAVORITE TOY!

Draw your favorite toy in the middle of the maze and then find your way to it beginning at Start!



START!



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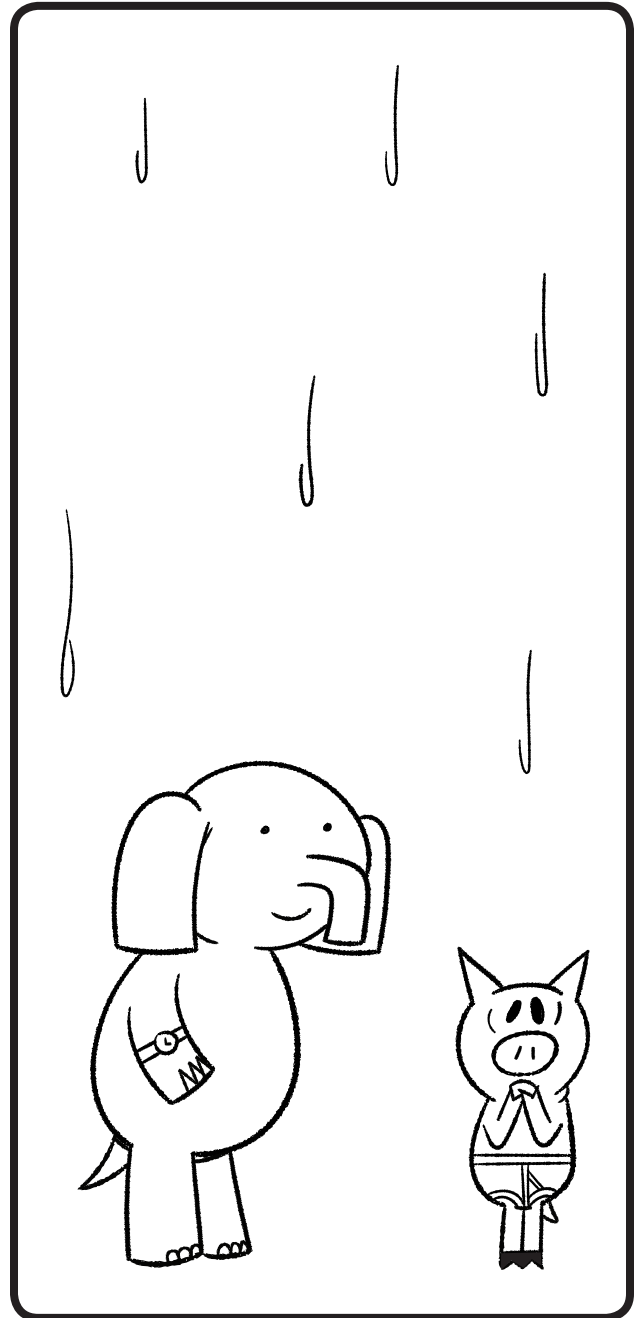
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HYPERION BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ELEPHANT & PIGGIE?

These two pictures look the same, but look closer—the picture on the right has 10 things that are different from the picture on the left. Circle the things that are different in the picture on the right.



CREATE YOUR OWN ELEPHANT & PIGGIE STORY!

Fill in the blanks below and draw pictures to go along with the story when you are done.

One day, Piggie and Elephant went to _____.

When they got there, Piggie found _____.

Then Elephant found _____.

“Oh, dear!” Elephant cried. “Look at this _____!”

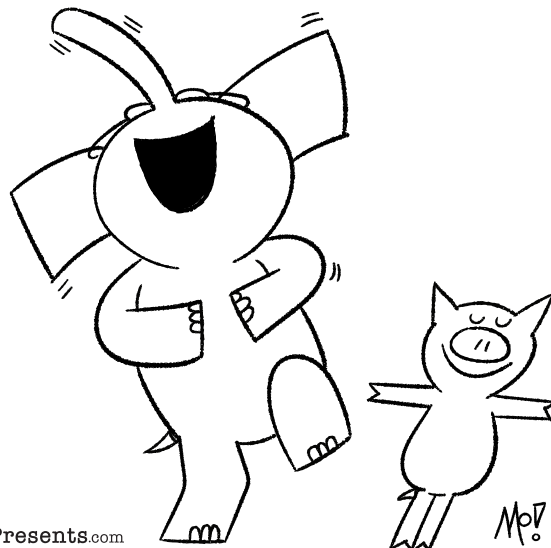
Piggie said, “Don’t worry, Gerald.

Now you can _____!”

The two friends laughed.

Elephant asked, “_____?”

“_____!” said Piggie.



DRAW A PICTURE OF YOURSELF SNEEZING LIKE ELEPHANT!

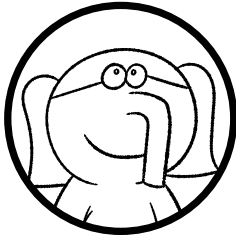


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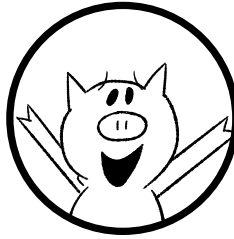
Underneath each picture below, choose the emotion that best shows how Elephant or Piggie is feeling. You can use each emotion more than once, and you can ask a grown-up for help with the words.

CHOOSE AN EMOTION:

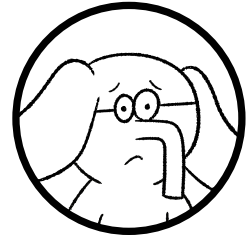
HAPPY • SAD



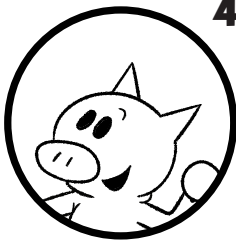
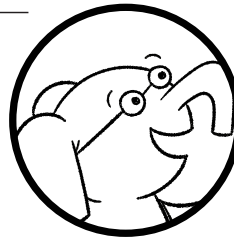
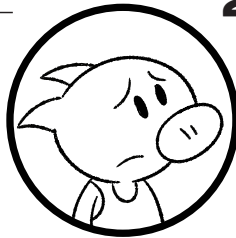
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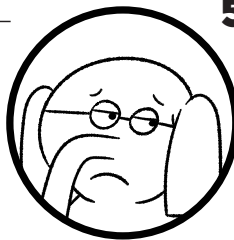
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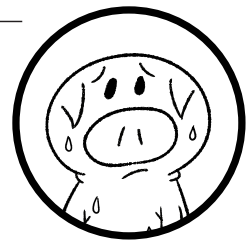
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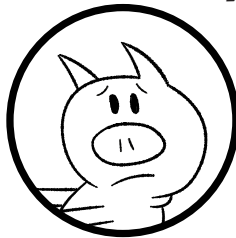
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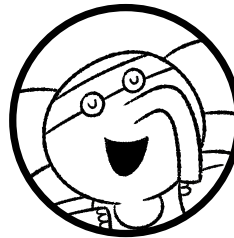
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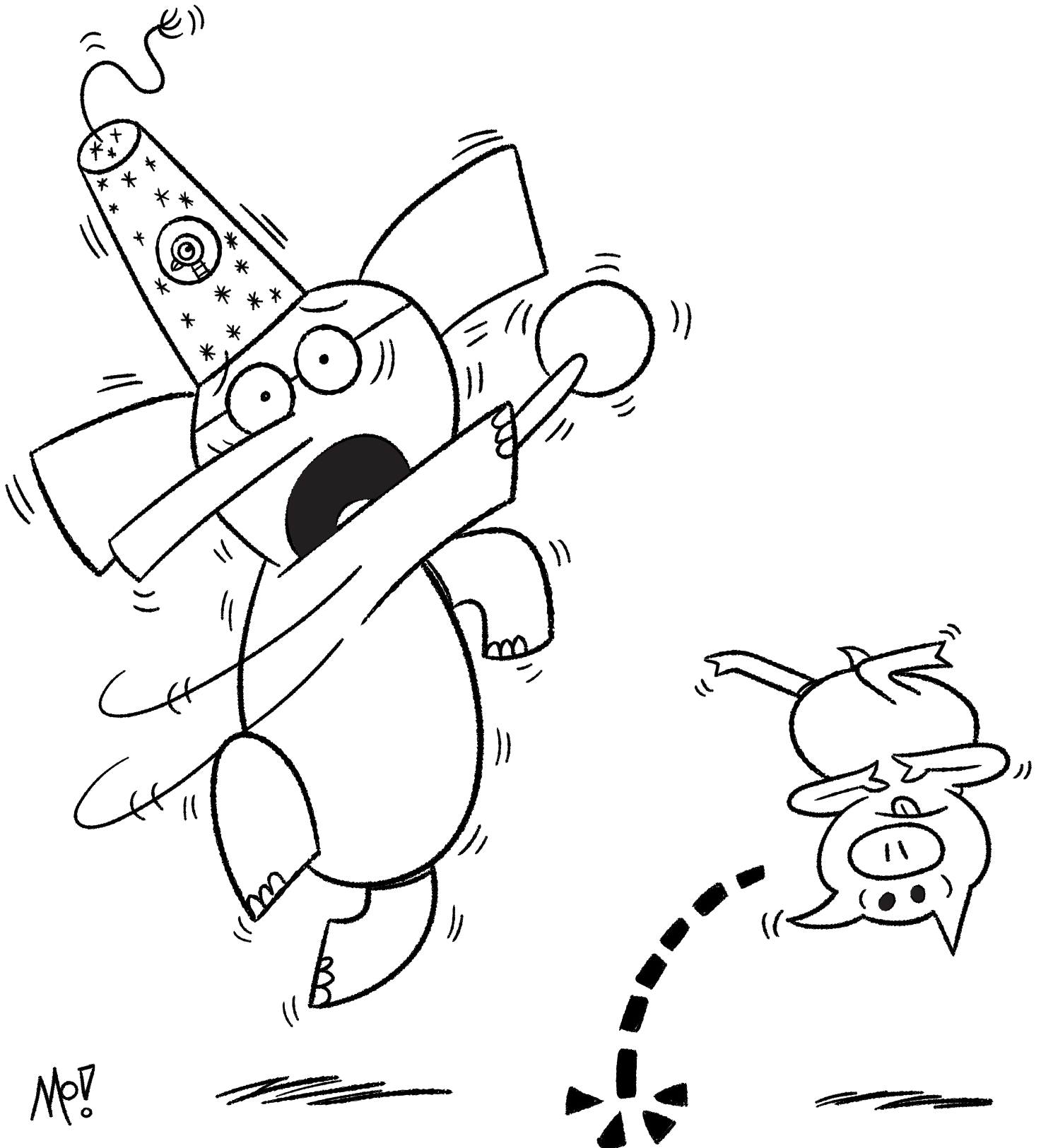


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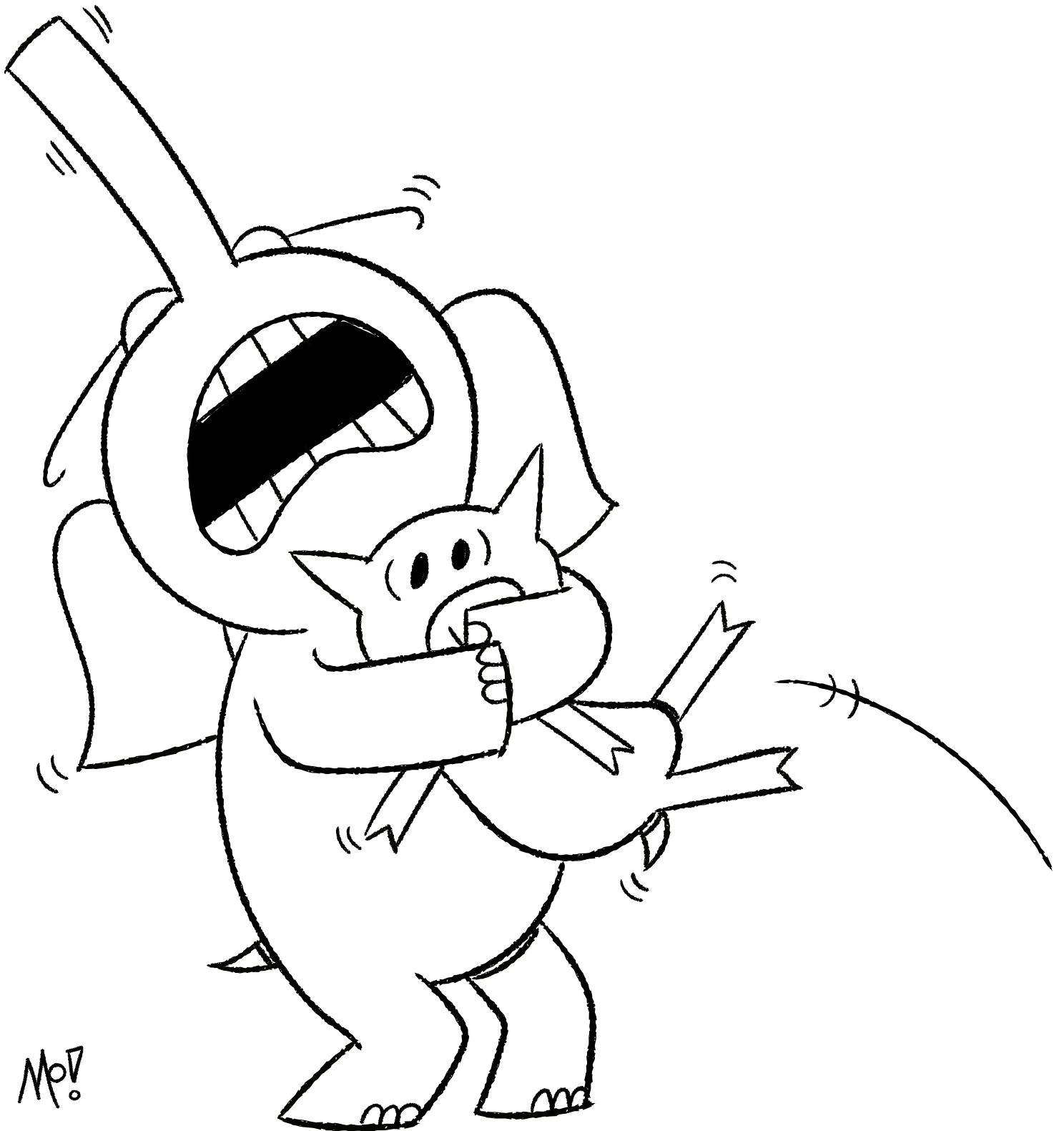
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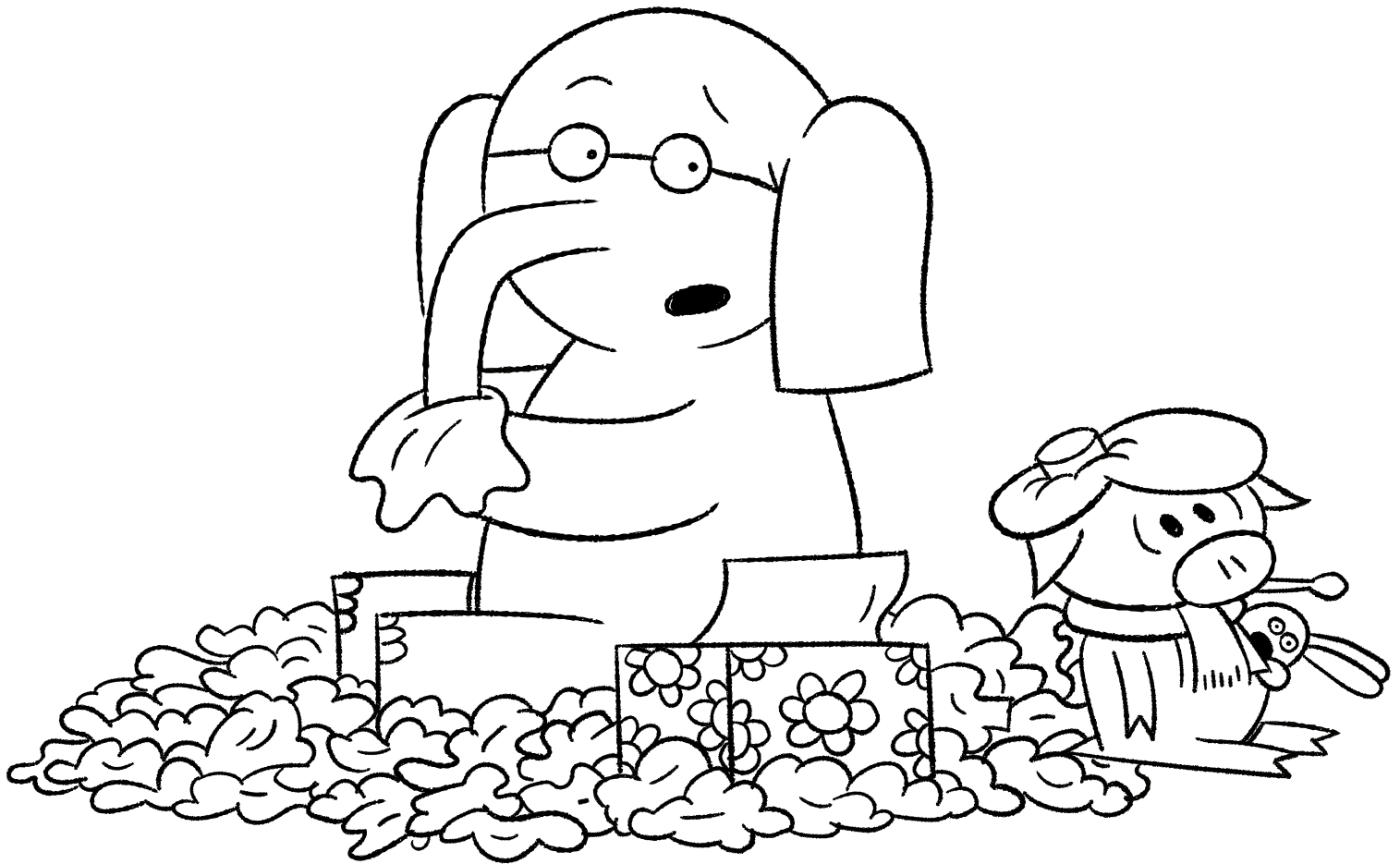
COLOR ELEPHANT & PIGGIE!



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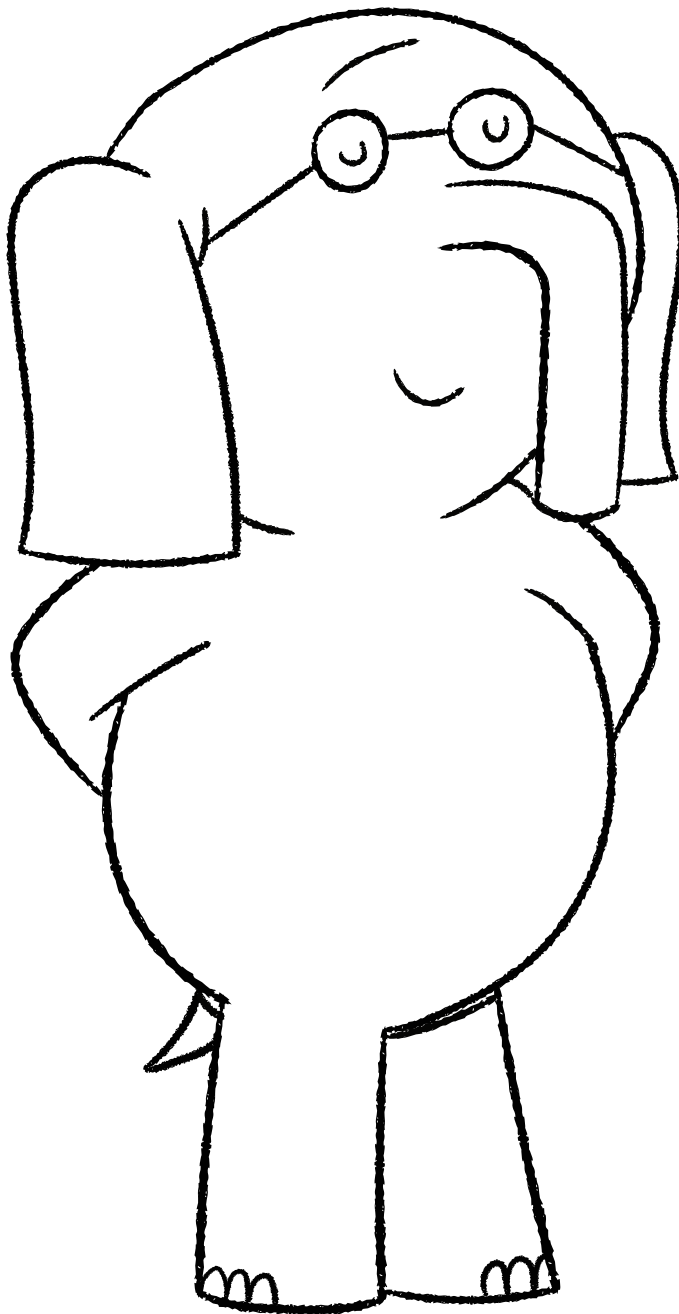
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HYPERION BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE CAN'T DECIDE!

Help Elephant and Piggie decide whether to go dancing or to play ball by drawing them in dance costumes or ball uniforms.

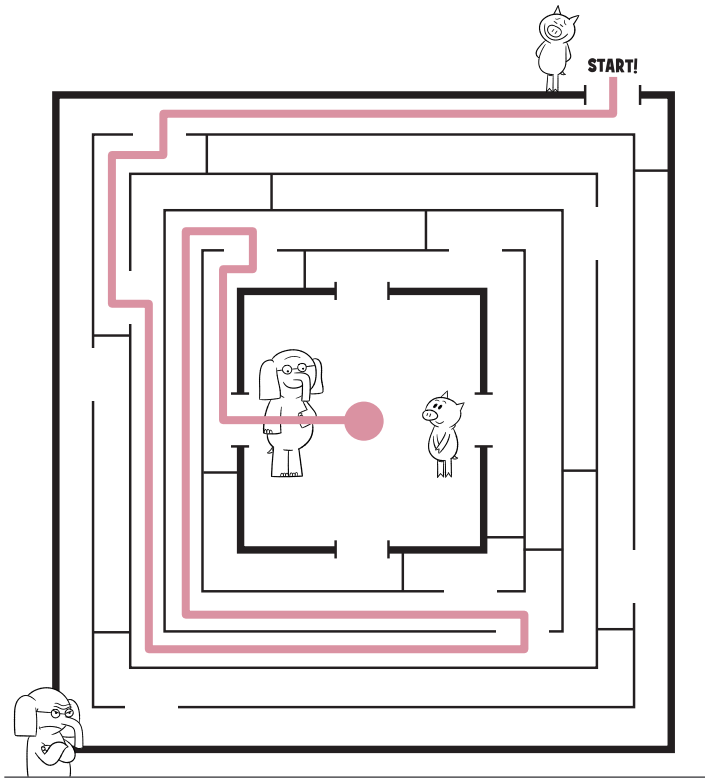


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ANSWER KEY!

FIND YOUR FAVORITE TOY!

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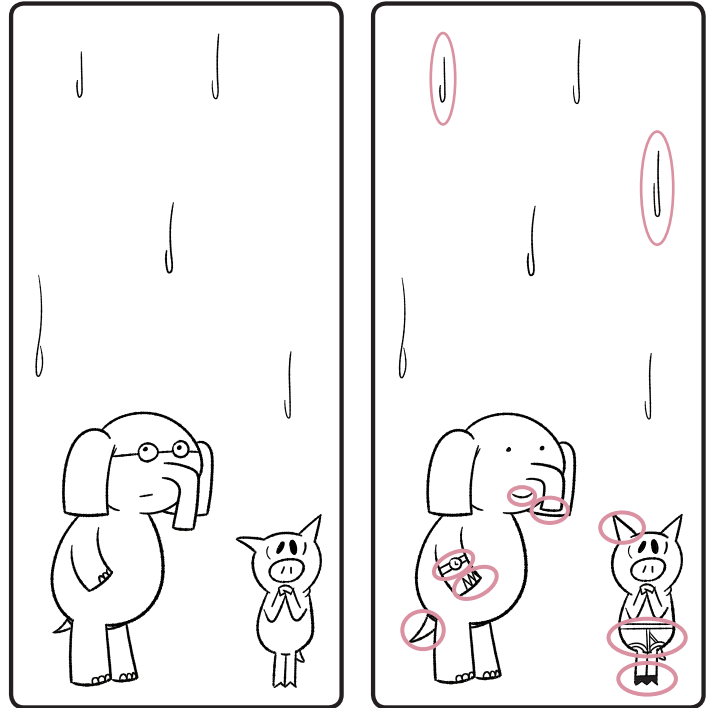


I already know
EVERYTHING!



WHAT'S WRONG WITH ELEPHANT & PIGGIE?

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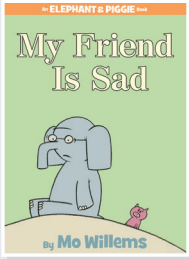


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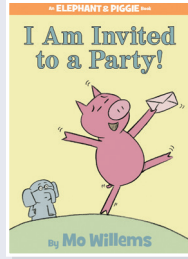
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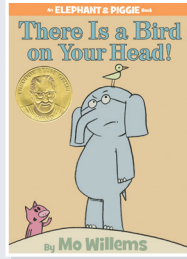
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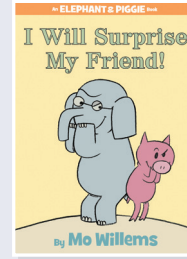
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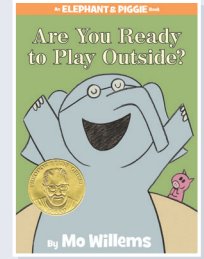
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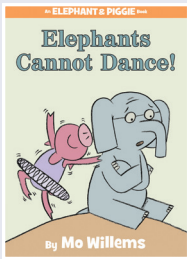
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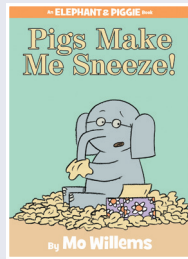
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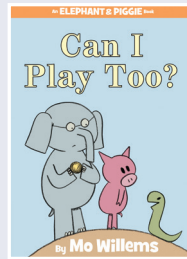
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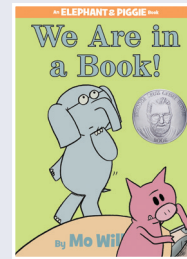
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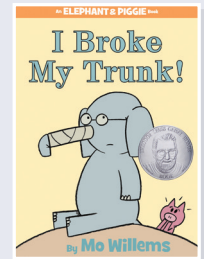
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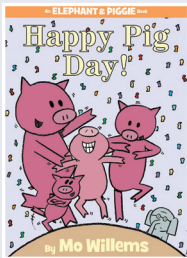
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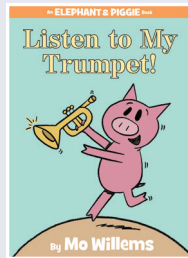
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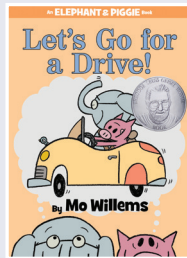
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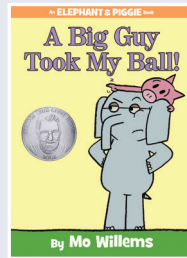
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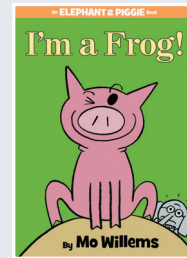
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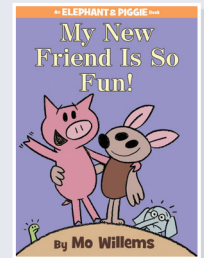
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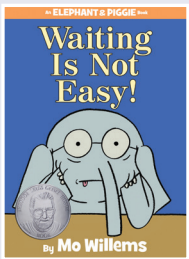
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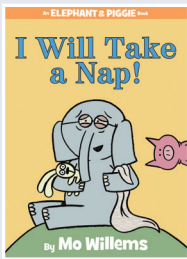
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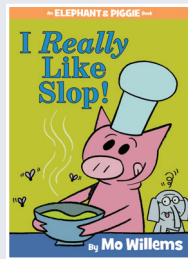
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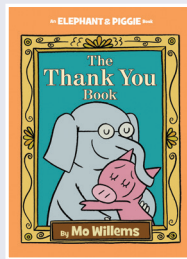
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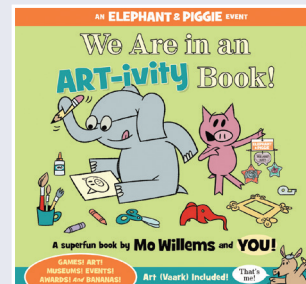
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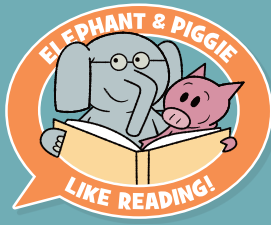
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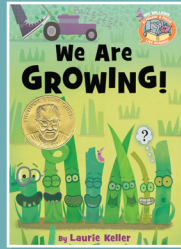
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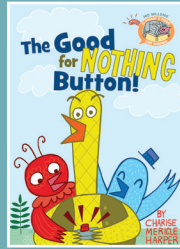
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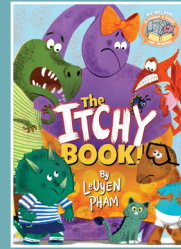
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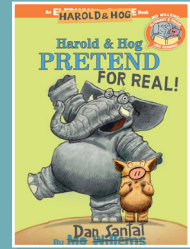
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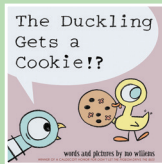
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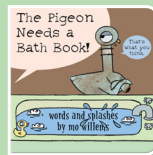
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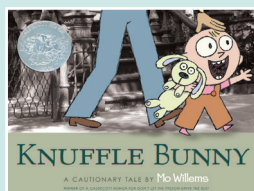


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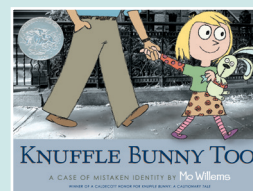
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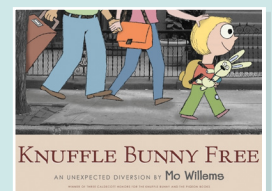
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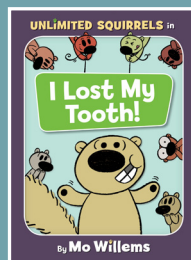
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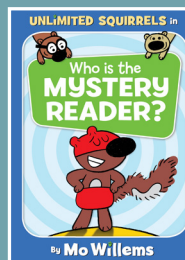
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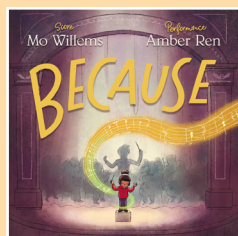
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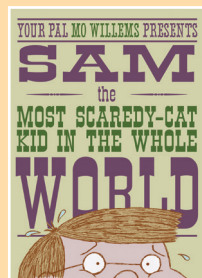
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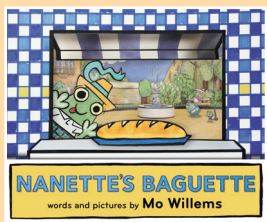
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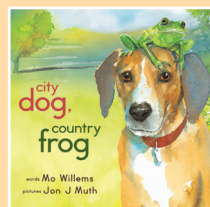
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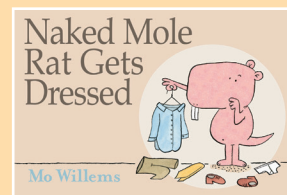
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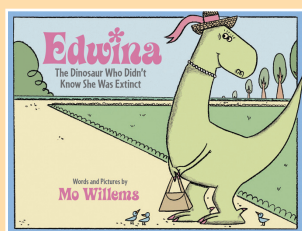
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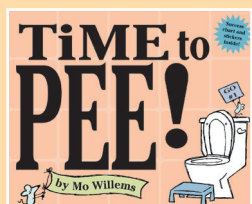
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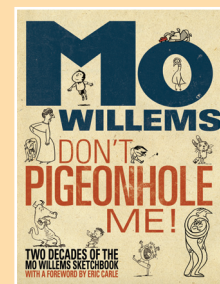
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