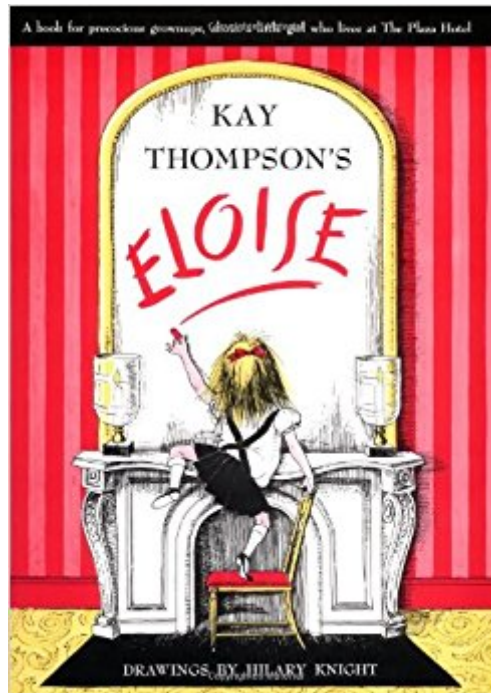




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Eloise: A Book For Precocious Grown Ups



Synopsis

Meet Eloise, the precocious darling of the Plaza Hotel! Eloise is a little girl who lives at The Plaza Hotel in New York. She is not yet pretty but she is already a Person. Henry James would want to study her. Queen Victoria would recognize her as an Equal. The New York Jets would want to have her on their side. Lewis Carroll would love her (once he got over the initial shock). She knows everything about The Plaza. She is interested in people when they are not boring. She has Inner Resources. If you take her home with you, you will always be glad you did.

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Customer Reviews

"I am Eloise/I am six." So begins the well-loved story of Eloise, the garrulous little girl who lives at New York's Plaza Hotel. Eyebrow raised defiantly, arm propped on one jutting hip, Eloise is a study in self-confidence. Eloise's personal mandate is "Getting bored is not allowed," so she fills her days to the brim with wild adventures and self-imposed responsibilities. An average Eloise afternoon includes braiding her pet turtle's ears, ordering "one roast-beef bone, one raisin and seven spoons" from room service, and devising innovative methods of torture for her guardians. Eloise's exploits are non-stop, and--accordingly--the text uses nary a period. Kay Thompson perfectly captures the way children speak: in endless sentences elongated with "and then ... and then ... and then..."

Hilary Knight's drawings illustrate Eloise's braggadocio and amusement as well as the bewilderment of harassed hotel guests. Eloise's taunts are terrible, her imagination inimitable, her pace positively perilous. Her impertinence will delight readers of all ages. (Ages 5 and older)

"Eloise is a model for uppity women." -- Nina Totenberg (rather important radio lady) "Oooooooo....I just love Eloise! Thank you, Kay Thompson and Hilary Knight. You're the bestest!" -- Judy Blume (lovely author) "My first happy response to Eloise was entirely due to the brilliant, iconic images. That brazen, loose-limbed, deliciously little girl monster is Hilary Knight at his best." -- Maurice Sendak (enormously famous artist) "Thanks to Eloise, my daughter sought independence and mastery over her life. We loved reading this book, and we've never given it away." -- Susan Sarandon (rather grande actress) "Eloise is one of the more delightfully fiendish literary heroines of our time." -- Edward I. Koch (former NYC mayor!!!) "Eloise, Kay, and Hilary have been in my life always. And her pug puppy is in my heart. What memories!" -- Lena Horne (movie star)

Eloise has a lovely life in the Plaza hotel. Her mother is largely absent; her Nanny, pet turtle, and pet dog are her companions. Her favorite words are "Charge it please!" Nanny and Eloise are sitting on the sofa and anticipate the fights is hilarious. Nanny is prim and proper, and Eloise knows she needs her outlets! Delightful! Loved it! I will definitely have fun reading to my niece.

This was my favorite childhood book. When I was young I listened to the record as well, but the book is what really won my heart. Eloise is the badass girl I aspired to be. I now purchase this book for all the little ones I know so that they can learn that they too can be badass! The children I've bought it for have all loved it. I purchase it for boys as well as girls. Some live far away & it's really convenient to order from & know that it will be shipped efficiently & arrive on time for birthdays & holidays.

"Eloise" has been passed to another generation. Like the LBD, some things never go out of style. My granddaughter loved the book. We read it together. I found a vintage porcelain Eloise trinket box in a thrift shop that she received with this classic piece of children's literature. Great product, price and delivery. Highly recommend.

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My Favorite Book of All Time. I can't pass a hotel mail chute without thinking of Eloise. This is an excellent book for young girls - a heroine who does what she pleases and is rather misbehaved in the bargain. I have no doubt there are a couple of generations of strong women who can trace their confidence back to knowing Eloise.

I first "met" Eloise when my neighbor and I were in grade school, in the mid sixties. I was in her room one day and she showed me this book about a little girl who lived in a hotel. Since it was a girl's book I was not that interested, but I remembered that it had black and white illustrations with red highlights. I also remembered that the little girl could do whatever she felt like. As I got older, I wished I had actually read the book. As a New Yorker, I felt I should know all about her. I felt culturally deprived, as if, say, I had never had a hot dog from a street vendor. Flash forward to 1999. I see the movie *You've Got Mail*, and I think about that book I saw years ago. Then I do some research and find out the books are being released again. I think, Finally! I can read the books now! I bought the first two, ostensibly for a Chanukah gift for my niece, but when they arrived the other day, I had to read them right away. Wow! I never thought the books could be so funny! There is a lot of adult humor in them, and the irrepressible Eloise will inspire adults and children alike. In a way, though, it was reliving my childhood, remembering that day almost thirty-five years ago in my neighbor's room. Now that I have read the first two books, I feel that my cultural education as a New Yorker is a little more complete. Don't worry, my niece will get the whole set for her birthday in March. And of course, next time I am in the city, I will think of Eloise and skibble over to The Plaza to see her portrait!

The one and only Eloise. With wonderful invitations from the great Hillary Knight!!!

What else can I say? I LOVE Eloise. I love everything about her, including her messy hair and her bad habit of drawing pictures all over the walls of her bedroom in the Plaza Hotel. My grandchildren especially love Eloise's pet turtle, Skipperdee, and her little dog, Weenie.

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