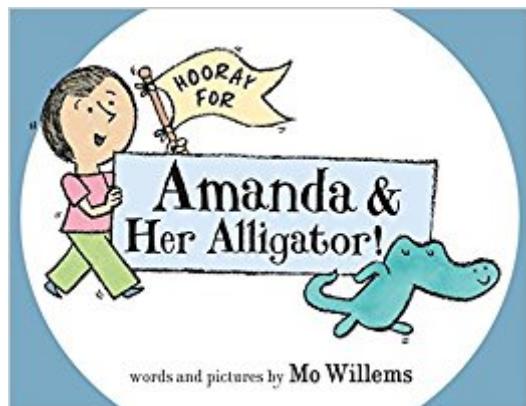


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# Hooray For Amanda & Her Alligator!



## Synopsis

6 stories about 2 surprising friends. Having a stuffed alligator for a best friend can be surprising. Sometimes Amanda surprises her alligator with books. Sometimes Alligator surprises Amanda by eating them. But what happens when Amanda brings home a special—and not entirely welcome—surprise? The result might be unexpected indeed. Beloved author-illustrator Mo Willems has created a funny and tender portrait of friendship that readers of any age will love.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

“Amusing and heartwarming, it will leave Willems’ fans totally satisfied.” (School Library Journal (starred review)) “Six and a half short stories make up this expertly paced page-turner about a girl and her toy alligator, laced with the kid-centric humor on which Willems has built his career.” (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) “The pacing, word volume and wide trim size are all inviting and encouraging, bringing readers close to the cozy friendship between Amanda and her impatient stuffed friend.” (Kirkus Reviews (starred review)) “Willems knows how to keep things interesting and his audience engaged.” (Horn Book (starred review)) “Willems may not have the market cornered on best friends, but

few do them better. (ALA Booklist) "This is a perfect stealth early reader, a story that will begin as a chapter-by-chapter readaloud and then get converted by the audience when experience and determination make it time to fly solo. (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

Mo Willems knows a Good Idea when he sees one. A three-time Caldecott Honor winner (for *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*, *Knuffle Bunny*, and *Knuffle Bunny Too*), he also won two Geisel Medals and two Geisel Honors for his Elephant and Piggie books. His books are perennial New York Times bestsellers, including *Knuffle Bunny Free*, *Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator!*, and the *Cat the Cat* series. Before he turned to making picture books, Mo was a writer and animator on *Sesame Street*, where he won six Emmys. Mo lives with his family in Massachusetts.

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We loved this story a lot. We had checked it out from the library and knew we needed to purchase it after reading it every night twice a night for 4 days straight. The story is sweet and broken down into several short stories. My daughter has enjoyed all of the Mo Willems that we have read so far. If you like this book we also recommend "Goldilocks and the 3 Dinosaurs."

I absolutely love this book. Its a really great story for kids to learn from and is really funny and fun to read. Plus its a great book for helping them learn to read. Its not exactly short and is a bit challenging but still easy enough for a 1st or 2nd grader to read.

My daughter received this book as a gift, and we promptly "paid it forward" when we went to our next birthday party. I find that many children's books have lovely illustrations, but the stories leave a lot to be desired. *Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator!* is a sweet, clever, funny story that is perfect for the toddler/preschool set, but also a pleasure for adults to read. The characters are simply adorable with a wonderfully imaginative point of view. Little lessons are embedded in the story without banging you over the head. And as a bonus: I love the chapter layout (each chapter is a

couple pages long).

A very sweet story about friendship and how we should be open to it, when and where it comes. My three year old loves this book and we read it on a regular basis. He gets a big kick out lots of little details, like when Alligator is trying to eat Amanda's head. We always surprise tickle him with Alligator too. Classic Mo Willems wit with a bit more heart than some of his other characters.

My first grade class loved the book! It is a great way to introduce reselling since the stories are very simple and short!

My favorite Mo Willems book! My kids love it and ask me to read it to them often. It's silly but has many important themes about friendship.

Easy and simple read with not a lot of thought into the short stories. I liked it but not jazzed about reading this one to my daughter every week. It needed more meaning or substance, more poetry, or fun to make it come alive. Amanda's alligator is much more interesting than she is. Kind of a flat version of a Calvin and Hobbs with out the cleverness.

SO FUNNY! My daughter (age 4) loves this book and it was her first introduction to the idea of chapters, even though we always read all the way through.

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