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### Editorial Review

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Kindergarten-Grade 3—In these two easy-to-read books, Willems introduces two best friends. Gerald is a slightly stodgy, bespectacled elephant with a stumpy, downturned trunk. Piggie is more daring and whimsical, and, like many friends, the two complement one another. In *My Friend Is Sad*, Piggie tries hard to cheer her dejected friend. She disguises herself as a cowboy, clown, and a robot, but Gerald doesn't recognize her and is sad because she isn't there to enjoy the fun. Without missing a beat, Piggie points out that he needs new glasses. In *Today I Will Fly*, Piggie announces her intention to do so to her skeptical pal. In the end, though, Gerald is making adventurous plans of his own. With just a few tweaks of his expressive lines, Willems creates engaging characters. The stories move briskly, with a minimal word count and touches of whimsy throughout. Fans of the author's previous books should check the endpapers for a cameo appearance of his familiar pigeon. These simple, humorous stories will sound just the right note for beginning readers.—*Marilyn Taniguchi, Beverly Hills Public Library, CA*

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\*Starred Review\* Graphic-novel influences have reached into most areas of children's book publishing; here, they crop up in a classic genre--the friendship-duo easy reader--and chalk up yet another success for two-time Caldecott Honor winner Willems. The basic approach is familiar from Willems' previous books, especially *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* (2003). It's as if each page were one frame of a comic strip: characters zip in and out of white space, proffer speech-bubble remarks, and express emotion through spot-on body language. In *My Friend Is Sad*, upbeat, outgoing Piggie cavorts to cheer up depressed Elephant, whose doldrums are obvious from his furrowed brow and drooping, stovepipelike trunk. Not having recognized his costumed pal, the myopic elephant remains sad because Piggie missed out on the fun. Accessible, appealing, and full of authentic emotions about what makes friendships tick, this will put a contemporary shine on easy-reader collections and give Willems' many fans--whatever their age or reading level--two more characters to love. (Vying for their affections is that irrepressible pigeon, who, still utterly in character, finds his way onto the endpapers.) *Jennifer Mattson*

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### About the Author

Mo Willems is a six-time Emmy Award winning writer and animator for *Sesame Street* and the creator of Cartoon Network's *Sheep in the Big City*. He is the author of groundbreaking picture books, including; *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale* (Caldecott Honor winner 2004); *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* (Caldecott Honor winner 2003); *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay up Late!*; *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!*; *Time to Say "Please!"*; *Leonardo, the Terrible Monster*; and *Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct*. Mo lives with his family in Brooklyn, New York.

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