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The elephant is the kindest animal in the jungle, rescuing the giraffe, lion, and rhino, but who will return the favor when the elephant needs help?

## **The Ant and the Elephant Details**

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# **From Reader Review The Ant and the Elephant for online ebook**

## **Bethany says**

I have read this many times and love it more with each reading. This is a fun book with a beautiful lesson on the importance of kindness and service and community. Bill Peet's storytelling and illustrations are always captivating and enchanting.

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## **Melissa says**

Karma

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## **Brooklyn Miller says**

This is a cute story about how helping others can pay off in the end. This is a great way to teach children to not be selfish. Great illustrations and there are not too many words on each page. 10/10 would recommend.

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## **John Yelverton says**

This is a sweet and precious children's book that's fun for all ages.

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## **Janice Forbes says**

A moral tale, about the benefits of helping each other or not. Big or small, some help, some don't.

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## **Heather B. says**

It starts with an ant who needed some help to get back to dry land and tried to get a turtle to help him, but he refused too and soon the turtle was in need of help. As a domino effect each animal who refused to help out another animal, they got in trouble themselves and is need of some help. Until a friendly elephant came along and helped all the animals out. Some were grateful, but many of them were grumpy and did not even thank the elephant for his help. Then the elephant got into trouble and one of the animals he helped early helped him. This book is about teaching children about good deeds. I would recommend this book for early readers, K-through 2nd grade. Published 1972.

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## **Lisa Quenon says**

I love reading Bill Peet books to children. I find them to be absolutely perfect for the 3-6 year old set!

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## **Nicole Fellows says**

This is yet another great book by Bill Peet. This story starts out with an ant who finds himself stuck in the middle of a river. When he asks the turtle for help, he refuses, leaving the ant behind. Then the turtle finds himself in a situation he can't get out of and the bird refuses to help him. It goes on like this throughout the story until the elephant comes along and helps all of the animals. Later, the elephant gets stuck and it is the ant, along with all of his friends that come to save him.

I think this is a good story that could be used to teach children about the golden rule and why it is important to be kind to others. It could also be used to teach children about conversation in writing because all of the animals are constantly talking to each other. I loved that each of the animals has a name in this book, for instance there is Mr. Hardshell, Mrs. Bigbill, Mr. Greatneck, etc. I thought that was a cute idea. I think kids would really like this book.

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## **Emmy says**

An excellent children's book with a very important message about how we treat others. The art style was excellent, too, which makes it easy to see why this book from 1972 is still being read and enjoyed today! I highly recommend this as a book to read to children to teach empathy and compassion.

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## **Maki says**

Wonderful book, similar to the story of the Lion and the Mouse. I LOVE this book, it is full of descriptive words and fabulous pencil crayon illustrations.

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## **Ronyell says**

“The Ant and the Elephant” is another classic children’s book from Bill Peet that details the power of friendship. In this tale, a small ant gets in trouble when he is trapped in the middle of the river. When he asks the turtle to help him, the turtle refuses to help until he gets into trouble and that leads to a chain of animals that also get in trouble when they refused to help one another. The Elephant is then the one who eventually saves all the animals from their fates. “The Ant and the Elephant” will surely be a classic story about kindness that children will love for many years.

Bill Peet has done it again with both the illustrations and the writing. Bill Peet’s story full of sarcasm and drama as it involves a chain reaction of what happens when one refuses to help another person in trouble. I like the way that Bill Peet makes the animals that refuse to help one another get in trouble themselves as it shows that arrogance towards another neighbor can cause its own consequences. Also, Bill Peet shows that

kindness does come a long way as the Elephant tries to help everyone in their time of need, even if the larger animals did not appreciate his help. The ant however proves to be a huge role model in this book as it was the only animal who actually thanks the elephant for his help and wanted to repay his kindness some time. Bill Peet's illustrations are beautiful and realistic, especially of the image of the elephant looking like a wise person as he has wrinkles all over his body and has a friendly expression on his face. I also love the way that Bill Peet illustrates the jungle as a colorful place full of green trees and even some orange sand for images of the wastelands.

"The Ant and the Elephant" is a great tale about the importance of true friendship and kindness and the consequences of acting so arrogant towards people in need of help. I would recommend this book to children ages five and up since the format is easy for them to read.

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### **Sylvester says**

3\* art

3\* story

Bill Peet is a bit wordy for Squirt yet, but I'm hoping he grows into him, because there's so many titles I want to read to him. This is one of the shorter books, and has a great message about kindness.

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### **Kest Schwartzman says**

I mean, by "kindest" we mean "most self-righteous" but he gets his comupance, in proper pictureb ook fashion

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### **Emma says**

The Ant and the Elephant is a children's story about graciousness and kindness.

This was a great one to read to my son who is sometimes reluctant to be helpful and can be resentful of his little brother, as toddlers will.

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### **Brian Berrett says**

I ordered the book not realizing it was a children's book. It was referenced in a business book I read. I'm glad I bought it. Cute with a nice lesson.

