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Gerald is careful. Piggie is not.

Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can.

Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to.

Gerald and Piggie are best friends.

In *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* Gerald has a big decision to make. But will he make it in time?

Using vocabulary that is perfect for beginning readers (and vetted by an early-learning specialist), Mo Willems has crafted a funny story about the challenges of doing the right thing. Fans of the Geisel Award-winning duo will eagerly eat it up!

## Should I Share My Ice Cream? Details

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**Soplada says**

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“?? ????? ???? ???? ???? ?? ???? ?????”

“One is not a true believer until he wishes for others what he wishes for himself.”

? Prophet Muhammad Peace Be Upon him

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**Isa Cantos (Crónicas de una Merodeadora) says**

LOL, moraleja, no dejes que se derrita tu helado mientras piensas si compartirlo o no. La respuesta es sencilla: ¡el helado no se comparte! (?)

**Matt says**

*Elephant and Piggie* is a wonderful series that Neo has grown to love over the last few weeks. In this piece, Gerald purchases an ice cream for himself on a hot day. While walking home, he wonders if he ought to have purchased an ice cream for his best friend, Piggie. He struggles to decide if sharing his ice cream is in his best interest and whether Piggie would even want a lick or two. Extrapolating this, Gerald struggles to determine if sharing his ice creams might buoy Piggie’s spirits after a sad day. Just as he is making a decision, something happens that turns his excitement to depression. Bemoaning what’s happened, Gerald is surprised when Piggie comes along and has a special surprise that changes things for everyone. Neo laughed and pointed to the photos throughout this piece, which kept him excited until the very end. Go on, try this series out for yourself and introduce a child to the wonderful world of Elephant and Piggie!

**James says**

This book is hardly realistic the elephant spends way too long trying to figure out if he should share his ice cream with the pig. To any person, it is very clear that he shouldn't, as we can assume that he paid for his ice cream, which means he deserves it. Also, elephants can eat up to 200-600 pounds of food per day. While some pigs eat even more than this amount, elephants are much more selective about their food. Looking at the background of the book, we can come to the conclusion that food is very scarce in their world, and any amount of food the elephant can eat is very valuable. Pigs will eat almost anything, therefore making it more important for elephant to eat the ice cream. Along with this, the elephant should have known that the ice cream would have melted if he took too long to eat it. He basically wasted the ice cream, which using the

observations we recorded of the book's background, we can assume that sugar, and the ice cream itself are valuable commodities. This means that the elephants wasted many valuable resources they could have used. If we want to theorize, it is possible that the elephant purposely sabotaged his friend, the pig. Looking closely, we can see many clues to why this is true. It can be assumed that ice cream would cost a lot in a food deprived wasteland, meaning that the pig would have to pay a lot for it. It is possible that the pig was watching the ice cream melt, and felt bad for the elephant. Since it is possible that the elephant wasted the ice cream, we can believe that he is purposely trying to drain the pig's resources. Of course, this is just a theory, and may not be true without further investigation.

Overall i'd give it a 5/5

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### **Mo says**

NO DON'T SHARE YOUR ICE CREAM GERALD THAT'S CRAZY!

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### **Cameron says**

this is a great fluency book that is very interesting.

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### **midnightfaerie says**

Sharing is something everyone in our family struggles with and food is no exception. Willems does a wonderful job of showing the different sides to sharing, from the benefits to the guilt. The attractively simple illustrations makes this appropriate for all ages. If you're looking for a good beginner's reading book, this is a solid level 1 reading that any kid will enjoy. Watching the tension build as the ice cream begins to melt and the elephant struggles with his conscience is amusing and something my children could easily relate to. A good lesson mixed in with a marvelous story puts this in our favorites pile.

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### **David says**

Should I Share My Ice Cream? (Elephant and Piggie) by Mo Willems is another entry in the popular beginning reader series about two excitable, enthusiastic best friends.

Should I Share My Ice Cream? is just what beginning readers need, a funny book with repetition, large varied type, and funny illustrations. It's a book about friendship that kids will enjoy (and parents will enjoy reading and laugh at too.) I love Gerald's small print comment "I blew it". Gerald's sudden realization that "That was not my plan" is very funny.

Willems employs expressive illustrations of his two characters to move the story along. The small penguin

selling ice cream is pretty funny. Willems shows the ice cream cone melting as Gerald mulls over his choices. The plaintive picture of Gerald screaming "Noooooooooooooooo!" is a classic.

I obtained a signed copy of this book at the 2011 BEA.

This is a series to savor. For beginning readers K and up, friendship, humor, and fans of Gerald, Piggie, and Mo Willems.

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### **Joan says**

I read this during story time to two coworkers in hopes that some kids would appear. We just changed the day for story time. My coworkers enjoyed the book even though they were adults and I suspect one may buy it for her grandchildren. Elephant is trying to decide whether to be generous or greedy with his ice cream until the inevitable happens. Then Piggie enters the story in a reversal of what Elephant had imagined while trying to decide what to do. Really delightful, apparently for most ages!

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### **Robin says**

Ice cream is my favorite thing. I was able to relate to the intense personal conflict felt by Gerald.

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### **Kate says**

Gerald has the best of intentions regarding sharing his ice cream, but in the end, it's Piggie who saves the day

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### **Mon Maryum says**

Only part of it that was interesting was the twist. This was a little too simple but I am giving another point for Piggie's kindness, who didn't spend so much time thinking if she should share- this will be good for teaching kids empathy

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### **Kitty says**

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### **Kiah Ballard says**

I think Gerald and Piggie's friendship is a good example of how children can treat their friends in the

classroom. This book is great to spark up discussions about sharing. After reading this book I would ask the children what are some of the ways Gerald could have shared his ice cream with Piggie.

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### **Archit Ojha says**

But so will Gerald?

He is surrounded by dubiety.

Shall he or shall he not share the ice cream with Piggie !

*" Perhaps in their teenage, Gerald and Piggie will share food more often - not because of maturity - but rather to check if it's poisoned. "*

Regardless this teenage version would be another hit, as is the case with Mo. Touches only gold !

The cuteness with which his incertitude and subsequent decision making follows is a *hallmark* of Mo Willems.

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