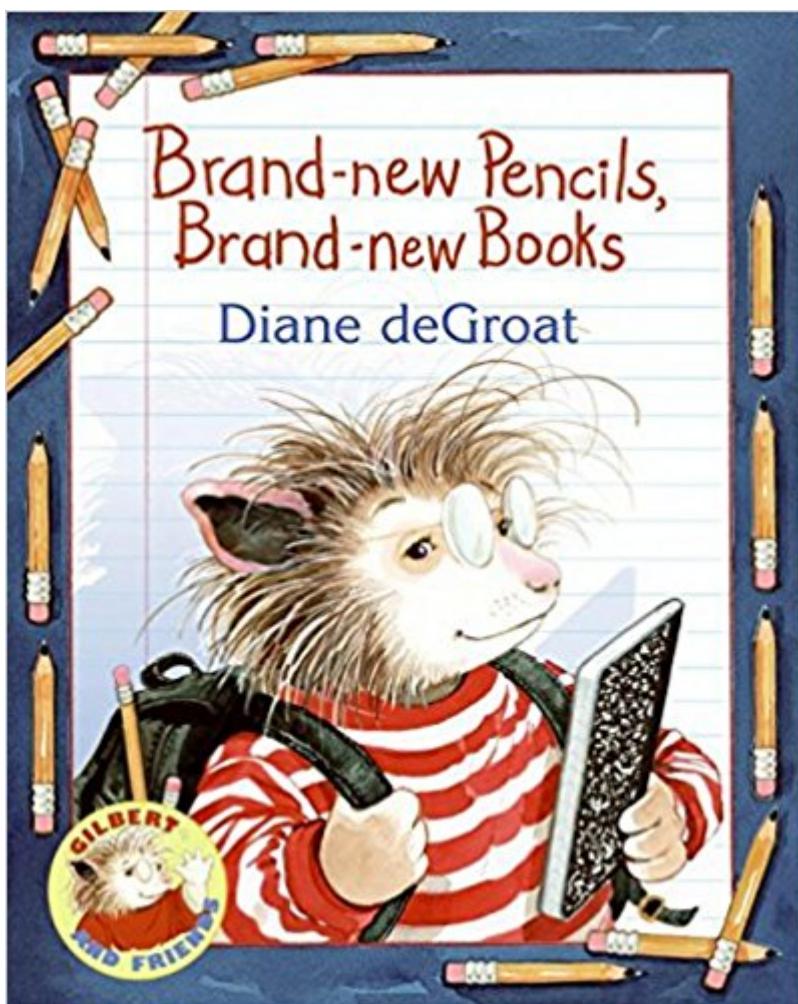


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# Brand-new Pencils, Brand-new Books (Gilbert And Friends (Paperback))



## **Synopsis**

It's the first day of first grade! Gilbert is looking forward to learning how to read and making new friends, but . . . Will the teacher be nice? Will first grade be too hard? Will he like his classmates? Will they like him? Gilbert is excited and nervous at the same time!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

In this prequel to deGroat's series of Gilbert tales (Happy Birthday to You, You Belong in a Zoo), the earnest young opossum survives—quite easily—his first day of first grade. As in the earlier stories, the author convincingly exposes her hero's emotions, which here are in tune with those experienced by any fledgling first grader. Gilbert is fearful that his teacher won't be nice and, in the classroom, he is embarrassed when he sits at the wrong desk and, at lunch, is afraid that he'll get sent to the principal if he doesn't eat his food. The narrative incorporates some equally true-to-life incidents that would comfort a new student (e.g., sitting by himself in the cafeteria, Gilbert is finally joined by a boy who has "the exact same Martian Space Pilot lunchbox" as he does). And deGroat reassuringly reveals that nobody is good at everything (Philip can read but can't climb a ladder at recess, and Lewis, a good climber, clumsily spills paint on his desk). Perhaps due to its

lower-key setting (other capers have Halloween and Valentine's Day themes), this has less spark and wit than some of its predecessors. DeGroat's cheerful art serves up endearing portraits of Gilbert, though several of the busier scenes appear curiously washed out. Ages 4-8. (July) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 1  
Gilbert, a hedgehog, is excited but fearful about starting first grade. He walks to school with his friend, Patti, who is quickly drawn to another female student. As the teacher passes out the spelling and reading books, Gilbert decides that, first grade was going to be hard! Besides, there are so many rules to remember. At lunchtime, he sits alone, but Mrs. Byrd puts Frank, a raccoon, next to him, and the two boys find that they have a lot in common. As the students pursue various activities, Gilbert discovers that they all have their own talents, and that no one is good at everything. On the way home, Gilbert and Patti agree that Mrs. Byrd is nice and that they have both made new friends, although Patti reassures Gilbert that he is still her friend. With its charming, detailed watercolor illustrations, this story has significant child appeal. Youngsters entering kindergarten or first grade would enjoy listening to it and perusing the realistically styled pictures either one-on-one or in a group. A useful addition, but not a first purchase.  
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I bought this book for my Great Nephew who is starting First Grade in the Fall. I thought it would be something his other could read him before school starts and it might help any anxieties he has about First Grade.

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Great!!!

This is a very cute book that I had purchased for my 5 year old as she started Kindergarten and was so excited about all her new school supplies. She adored the story.

Seemed boring to her. I was sent two by mistake in my order. I thought, if my granddaughter likes it,

I would give it to a different granddaughter. Now, I think I will be hesitant to do so.

Another great book by this author. My students loved it! Read it during the first week of school. Can't wait to read her book at the end of the year.

My children enjoyed listening to this book. As a matter of fact we read it twice! Great way to discuss first day of school worries. Thanks for the speedy shipping I truely appreciate it!

This book is geared more towards the ages of 4-7. The story line is cute and my students enjoyed the book.

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