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# The Pigeon Wants A Puppy



## Synopsis

He really, really, REALLY wants one. He'll take really good care of it! What's the matter--don't you want him to be happy? The latest book in the best-selling Pigeon series is the funniest one yet.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 3  
•The incorrigible bird returns in his fourth full-length romp. This time, Pigeon voices another common childhood dream: he wants a puppy. And he wants it NOW. He even promises to take care of it: "I'll water it once a month." He argues his case so forcefully that a puppy appears, but it's more than he expects: "The teeth! The hair! That wet nose!...I mentioned the teeth, right?" So he sets his sights on a different pet. Kids will love this perfectly paced picture book, which offers both the expected (breaking the fourth wall, Pigeon's classic temper tantrum) and a new twist (Pigeon actually gets what he wants? Impossible!).

Willems's hilariously expressive illustrations and engaging text are cinematic in their interplay. Maybe kids won't appreciate the genius behind it the way adults will, but that won't stop them from asking for this book again and again.  
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Pigeon, the stubborn preschool impersonator last met in *Don't Let Pigeon Stay up Late*

(2006), returns for another encounter with an unseen adult. This time, he's angling for a puppy, and once again his approach perfectly mirrors a child's, from calm reassurances ("Oh, don't worry. I'll take care of it!") to sulking to a full-blown tantrum: "I WANT A PUPPY! RIGHT HERE! RIGHT NOW!" Amazingly, his dream comes true, but when a big, slobbery pooch appears in the frame, the terrified Pigeon discovers that, in fact, he may not be a "puppy-loving pigeon" after all. Maybe a walrus is more his speed. Willems skillfully executes the formula that made previous Pigeon titles so popular: minimal artwork that places all the attention on the cajoling little bird, whose words and body language will strike a chord of familiarity with every child. Once again, kids will reach the story's end wondering what Pigeon will want next. Preschool. --Gillian Engberg

My kids (2 and 4) just adore Willems' books. They can identify his characters by sight ("did No Willems write this book?") and after borrowing many of the Gerald and Piggie and Pigeon books from the library over and over, we just started outright asking people to get them for the kids for birthdays/holidays. We've read this book so many times that my husband and I are sick to death of it, and that, my friends, is the definition of a great children's book. That demanding pigeon is back, pleading his case for puppy ownership and it is just as funny as you'd expect. If you don't own this, or any of the pigeon books, get them for your kids. Mo Willems' talent is such a gift to young children.

These pigeon books are absolutely amazing! The bird has become a part of our daily lives, constantly playing around with my daughter asking her to drive the bus and to stay up late. We bought the remaining books as well as the plush pigeon for our daughter for Christmas/her birthday [= expensive holidays] this year and we all love the series so much. This author is genius. Then today we received the activity book, and again complete satisfaction! It's so funny, and there's enough to keep us busy for hours and hours on end!

We came across this book at our public Library and my toddlers fell in love with it. After waiting in anticipation for it once I placed the order, my toddlers were so excited on its arrival. This book is very simple in its illustration and word choice, but it's this simplicity that captures your attention and the attention of the child. In addition, it really gets the reader involved with the story. It's a book every 2 to 7 year old should have in his or her library. My little ones read The Pigeon Wants a Puppy practically everyday. It's worth the read and it's worth the money. The Pigeon Has Feelings,

Too!There Is a Bird On Your Head! (An Elephant and Piggie Book)Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!

Great book. This has been my kids go to book for bedtime for weeks. Mo Willems has a knack for engaging young readers!

Arrived promptly. Used the book for needs vs. wants unit. Great fun!

This is my favorite pigeon book in the series!

Preschoolers will recognize themselves in Pigeon, a big-eyed blue bird that really, really, really wants a puppy. He's wanted it "forever! At least since last Tuesday."Pigeon speaks directly to the reader from page one. "Oh, hello. How are you? I'm fine, thanks for asking." He proceeds to tell you how much he wants a puppy, how he'll take care of it by watering it once a month. Pigeon gets emotional when he concludes that you don't want him to have a puppy. He throws a tantrum: "I WANT A PUPPY! RIGHT HERE! RIGHT NOW!"Mo Willems uses speech balloons to show that Pigeon is indeed speaking to the reader, and he changes the size of the type to show Pigeon's changing emotions. When the bird sulks, the type size is small, as if Pigeon is muttering to himself: "You just don't understand." And when the puppy arrives on the scene with a friendly "Woof?" Pigeon's terror shows with a bold, black scrawled "Aaaaaggghhh!"Of course Pigeon changes his mind about wanting a puppy, and decides what he really, really, really wants is... a walrus. Young kids will love reading along and answering back to Pigeon as he "talks" with them. This one joins Willems' other classics:Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!The Pigeon Has Feelings, Too!andThe Pigeon Loves Things That Go!.

A classic! We all enjoy this one so much!

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