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Elmer and Snake

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Elmer the patchwork elephant just wants a nice relaxing day, but some of the other elephants want to play a trick on him. They go to a snake, who convinces them to tell Elmer that he looks pale and needs to lie down. Snake then tells Elmer he will cover Elmer in white mud. So, after the animals tell Elmer that he looks pale, Elmer lays down and snake keeps adding more and more white mud. The elephants become so worried that they go back to snake to see what to do. Snake tells them to tickle Elmer. When they do, Elmer’s white mud falls off.

Elmer and Snake is a classic. The wording is very simple and is paced well. This book is definitely about how trying to trick someone can be fun and doesn’t have to be mean in any way. Kids will love the characters and the story. The illustrations are detailed and very colorful, which will keep young readers intrigued while reading. The story is almost like a fable in the way that it is told and some of the illustrations. This book is for preschool-aged and primary-aged children. Overall, Elmer and Snake is very fun and can be a child favorite!