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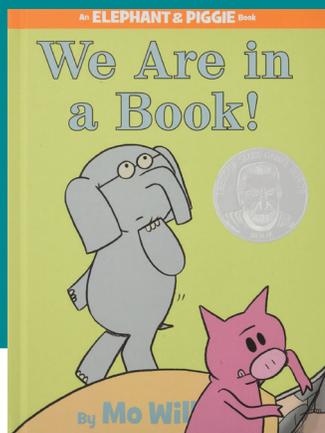
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool, Primary

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Pages

57

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2010

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Publisher

Hyperion Books for
Children

When Gerald sees someone watching himself and Piggie, they discover that they are inside of a book. They find out that they can create word bubbles and make the reader say different words, like “banana.” But, when Gerald finds out that the book will end, he and Piggie work together to come up with a plan for the reader to read them again and again, before it’s too late.

This creative story is all about breaking the fourth wall. By bringing the reader into the story as a character, the reader can feel connected to Piggie and Gerald. As the characters explore the elements of a text, from word bubbles to page numbers, readers learn the basic elements of book design in a playful way. They also learn problem solving as Piggie and Gerald come up with a plan to ask the reader to read the book again. Not only does this book encourage readers to become a part of the story and learn about book skills, it does all of this at a beginning reading level that reaches out to even the youngest of audiences.