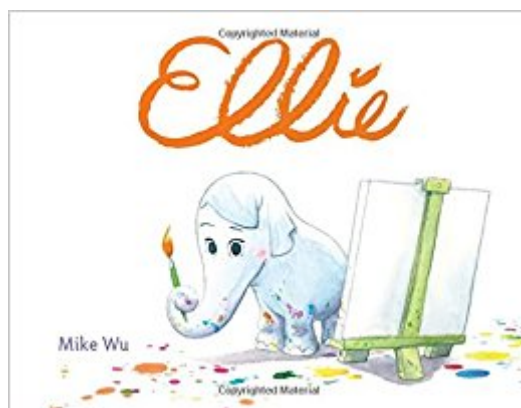


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Ellie



Synopsis

The zoo is closing! Ellie and her friends want to save their home, but Ellie's just a baby elephant, and she doesn't know what she can do to help. While the other animals are busy working, Ellie finds a brush and some paints, and gives the zoo a big splash of color! Will her bright new talent be enough to keep the zoo's gates open for good?

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

'Wu, an animator who has worked on many Pixar hits, makes his literary debut with a story ever-so-gently ripped from the headlines: the artwork-producing elephant...Wu is a literal writer, but his visual storytelling, rendered in sweet, throwback-style watercolors, shows creativity and poise. Ellie, who looks like she's a branch of Dumbo's family tree, leads a cast of equally endearing animal characters, and every vignette is expertly framed for a chuckle, an "Awww," or both: when Ellie paints a portrait of Lucy the giraffe, her subject's head extends beyond the top edge of the page." - Publishers Weekly

"Wu's dynamic watercolor illustrations enliven the story, their retro/classic feel possessing a distinctive animation quality that is unsurprising, given Wu's background as a Pixar animator. The effective use of color emphasizes Ellie's transformation, subdued greens and grays becoming a veritable chromatic explosion, "before" and "after" looks of the zoo cleverly highlighted in the

endpapers. - School Library Journal

In this precious little book, Ellie the elephant discovers that everyone has a talent... it's just a matter of figuring out what it is! This is the first book by Mike Wu, whose work in animation I was apparently already familiar with since our grandsons have enjoyed Pixar's Toy Story 3, Ratatouille, Up, and The Incredibles. You feel for little Ellie, who's trying to find a way to contribute toward helping her friends - including Gerard the gorilla and Lucy the giraffe - spruce up their zoo home in hopes of keeping it open. Everyone likes to feel needed, and she comes across her own talent by accident, picking up a paint brush that zookeeper Walt had been using and painting a bright sunflower on a bare, dingy wall. Just as with all of us when attempting something new, positive feedback and encouragement is the spark that lights the flame - she receives it from Walt, and she's soon painting splashes of color everywhere - including on her zoo friends! - and people are lining up to see Ellie paint, with Lucy serving as host and Gerard leading tours through her gallery. It's just the shot in the arm the zoo needed, they remain open, with Ellie saving the day!

We had a special little person named Ellie enter our lives - our first granddaughter - and had always enjoyed beginning children's libraries for each of our three grandsons, so I thought it might be a fun to start Ellie's by searching for books with her name in the title - glad I did, since it brought me to this sweet little book. Is a painting elephant a bit far fetched? Well, sure it is. But this is a lovely little children's book with an encouraging message youngsters can relate to... you may not be the tallest, or the strongest, etc. as you look around at the strengths you perceive your friends as having, but each of us does have something to offer - just a matter of figuring out what that something is. I'll enjoy both sharing this book with our own little Ms. Ellie one day, and watching her own special talents blossom! Though she's years away from it being read to her, I love its message, and I'm sure our grandsons will enjoy it in the meantime.

Such a sweet book. Great story, beautiful pictures and a very easy read.

A fun book about an elephant named Ellie.

Used the book for a baby shower with elephants. Ellie is a cute book and made a great sign in book and center piece for the shower.

Finally bought it because my daughter kept checking it out from the library over, and over, and

over| very cute story, with a great art style.

We bought this book because our daughter's name is Ellie. But it's quickly become our favorite book because of the sweet story and beautiful illustrations!

My 3 year old daughter loves Ellie! For the past month, she has been asking for "Ellie the Elephant" for her first book (we usually read 2-3 before bed). In fact, we just met a daycare provider named Ellie, and my daughter turned to me and said "like Ellie the Elephant!" She loves the book's beautiful artwork, and she asks a gazillion questions about all the different animal characters. From an adult standpoint, it's a very sweet story, and the artwork is captivating. The book is also the perfect length- long enough to create a full story, but short enough you can breeze through it when necessary.

Cute book with a great underlying story.

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