

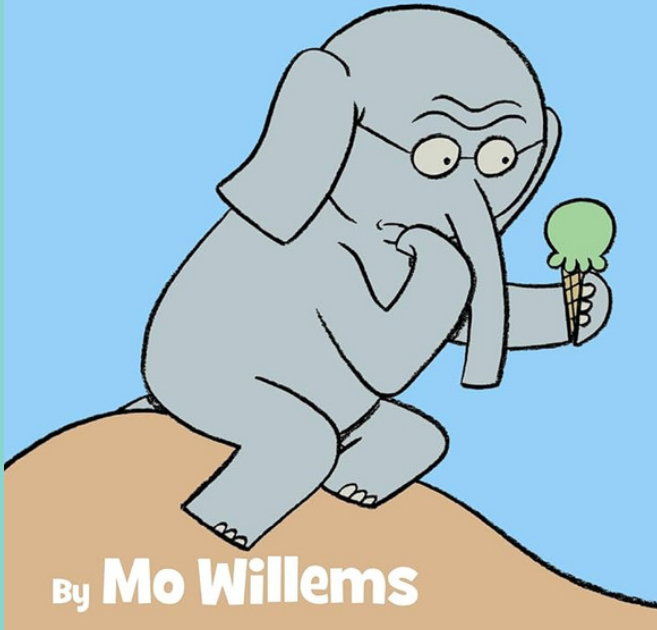


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An **ELEPHANT & PIGGIE** Book

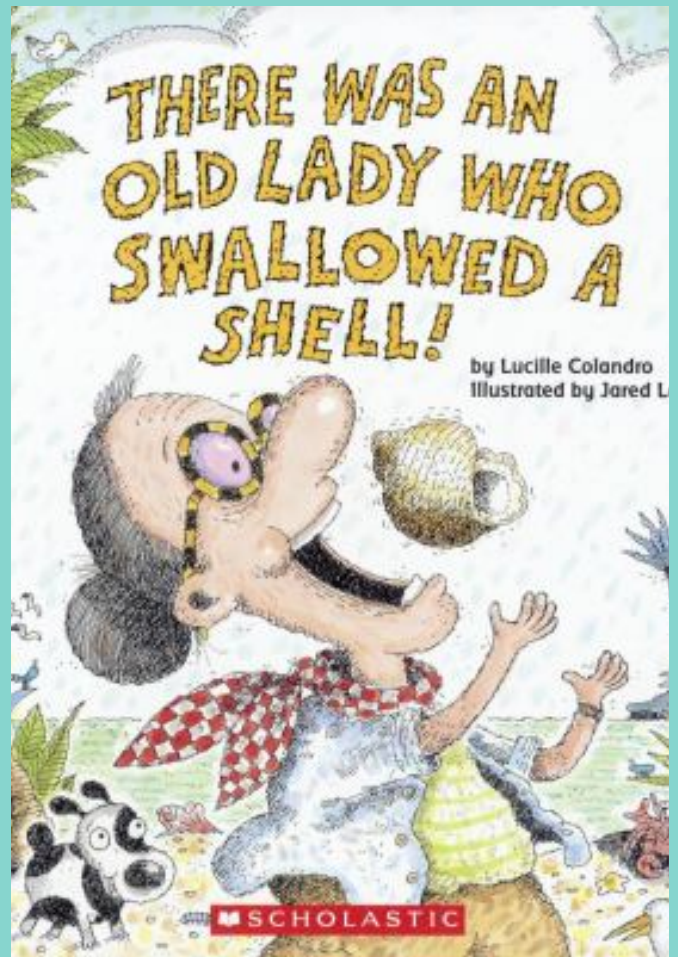
Should I Share My Ice Cream?



By **Mo Willems**

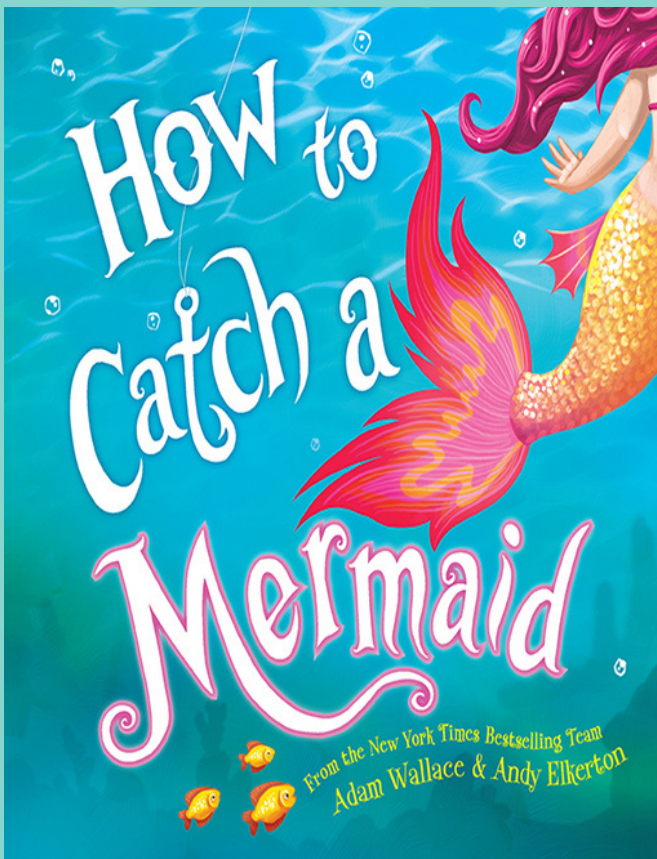
THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A SHELL!

by Lucille Colandro
Illustrated by Jared L



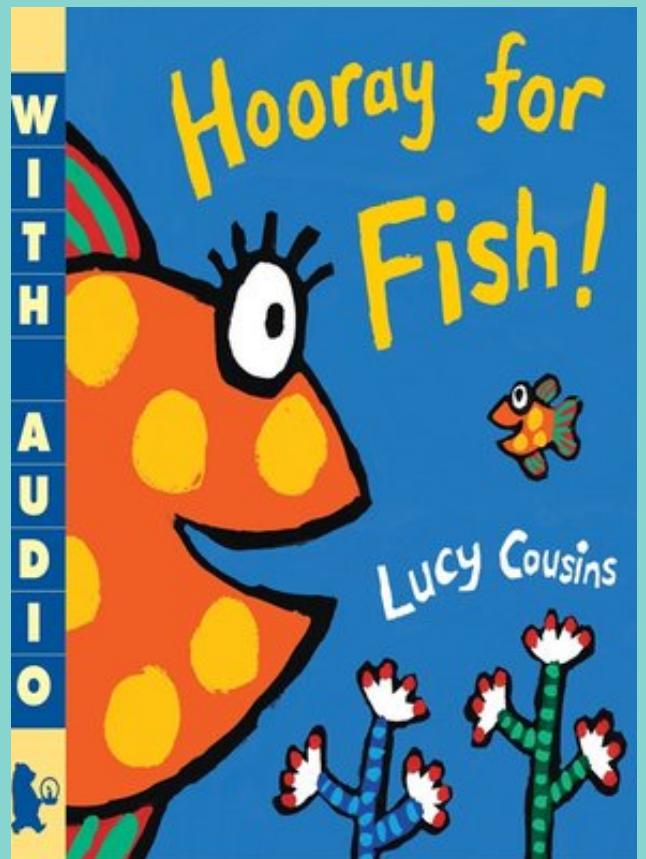
How to Catch a Mermaid

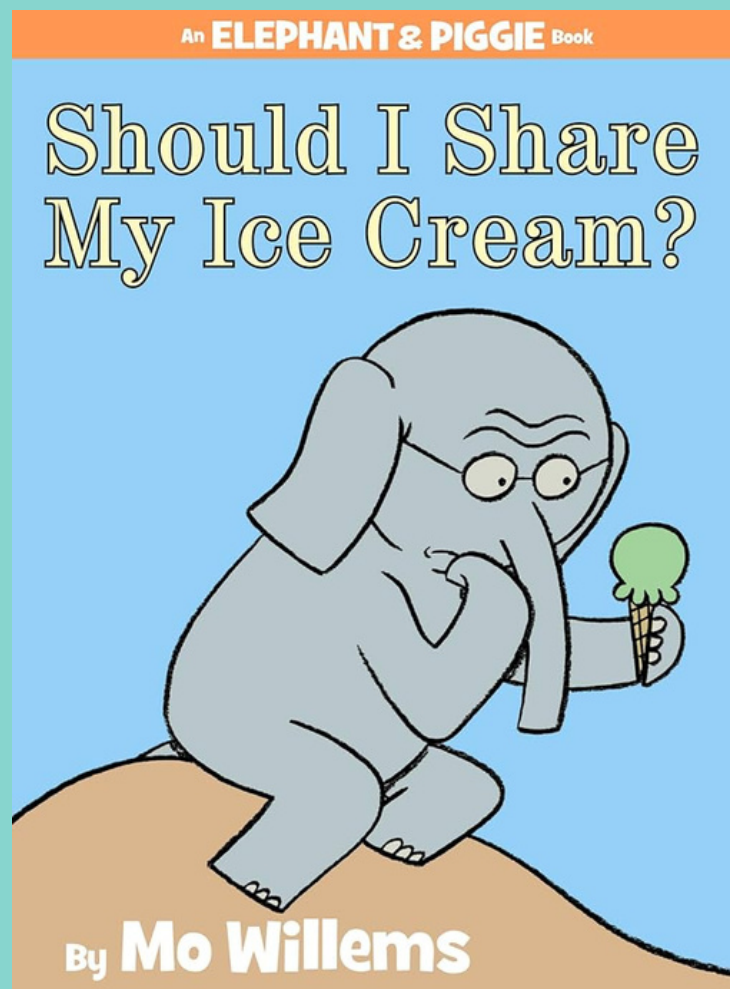
From the New York Times Bestselling Team
Adam Wallace & Andy Elkerton



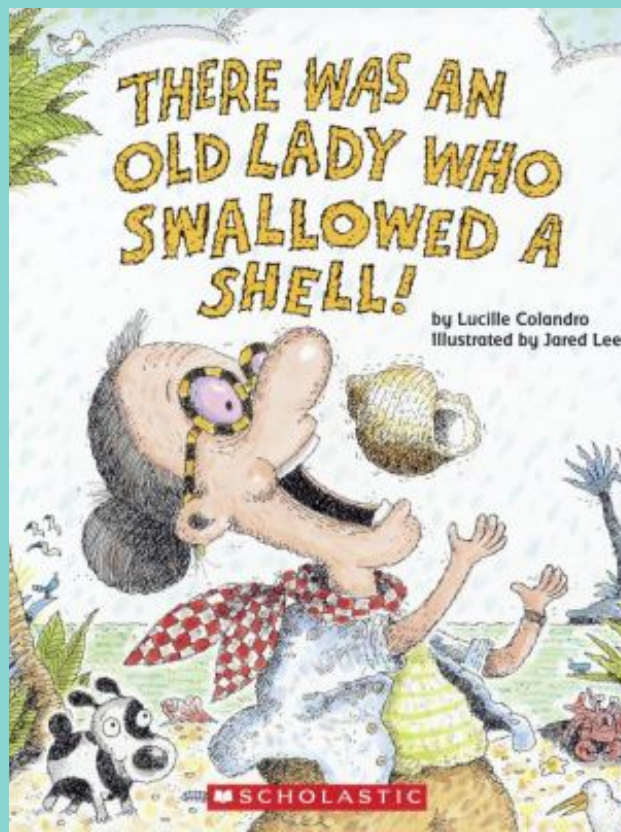
Hooray for Fish!

Lucy Cousins

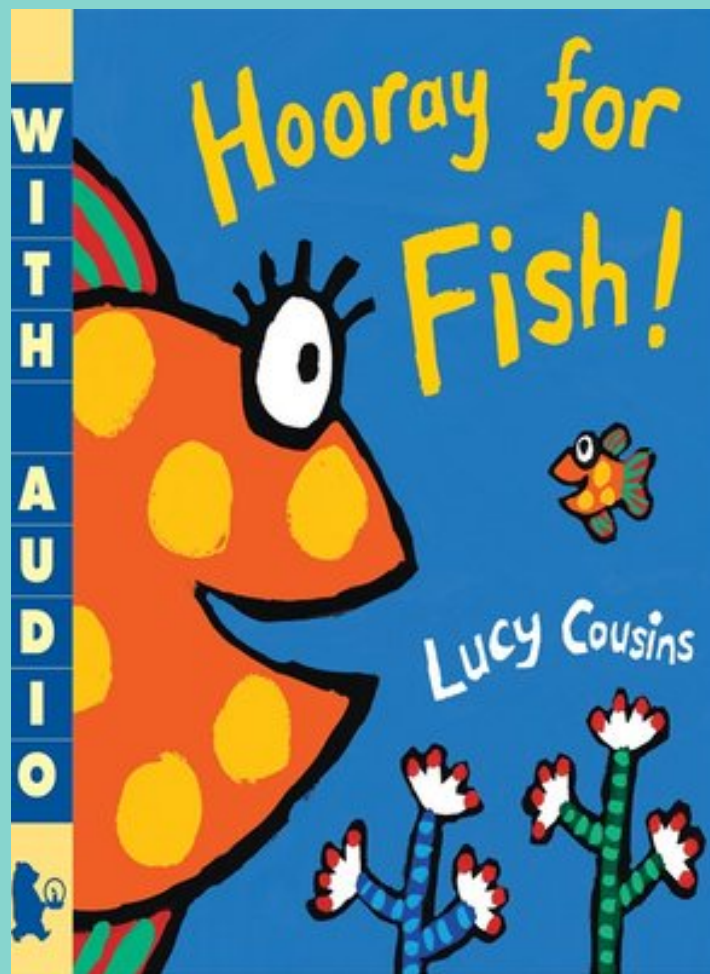




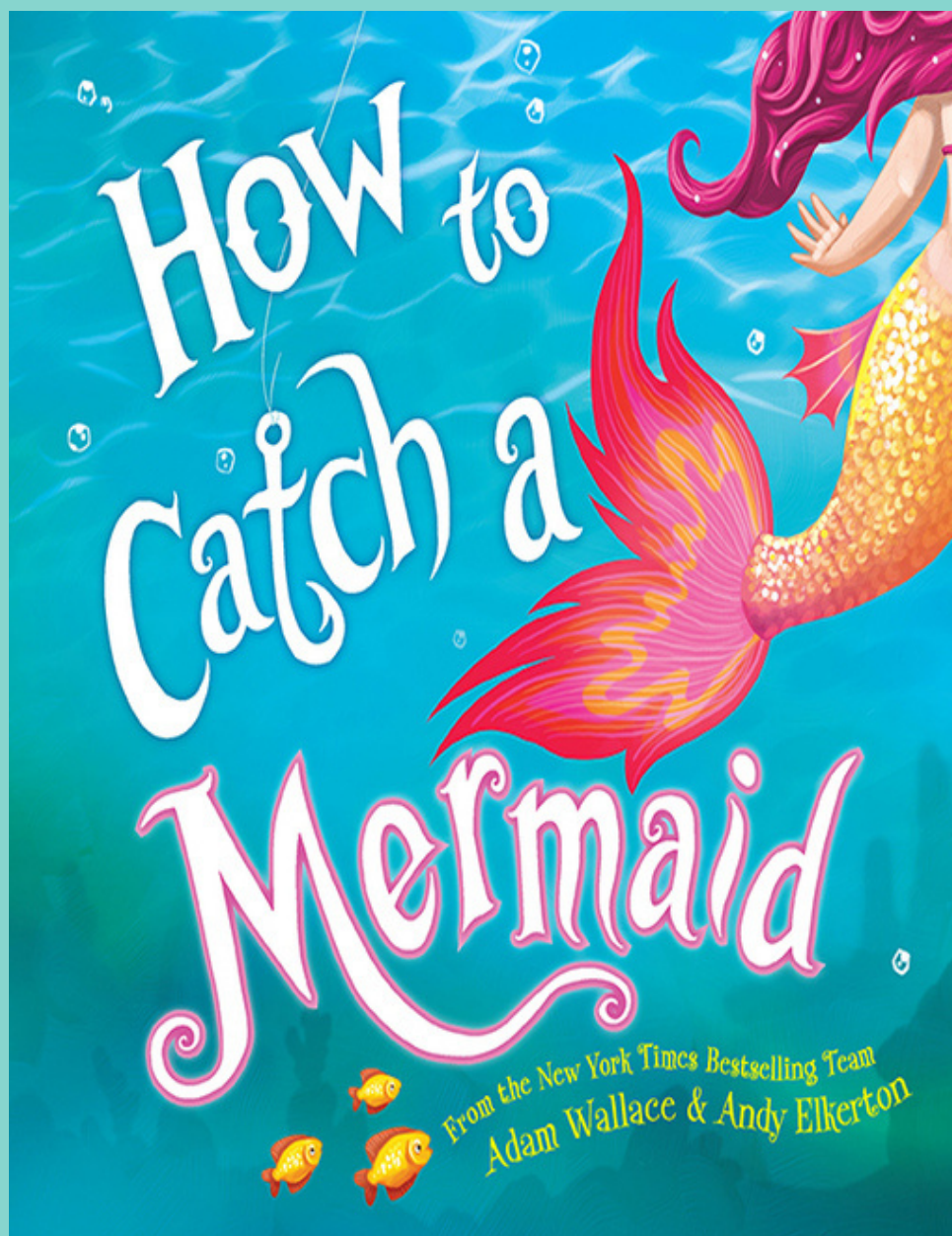
Mo Willems books are a favorite of children, parents and teachers alike! Aside from being silly, there are so many great skills to practice while having fun reading. You can talk about the speech bubbles and how they're used (children often ask about those anyway). You can also talk about text to self connections. "What would you do if you were him? Have you ever had to decide if you wanted to share? It's a conversational book that leaves so much to be discussed but it's also silly and fun.



This book is part of quite a large series of books, many of them for different seasons or holidays. In this summer version, the Old Lady swallows all kinds of different things. One of the best skills for littles is retelling. Beginners can use the pictures and flip through the book to tell each thing that happened. As students get older and build their skills, they can use cut out pictures (see our freebie under printables) or retell from memory. Added discussion about safety: remember it's not safe to eat things that aren't food! That's what makes this book silly.



This cute fishy text is chock full of great literacy and language skills (and a little math sneaks in too). The vocabulary is rich, with tons of descriptive words for the different fish. Math comes in when noticing patterns and comparing sizes of fish. You can discuss what fish are your favorite and why and model how to do this. Let your child give it a try too! Extension- create your own fish with its own pattern or cut out fish and sort them into categories but color or pattern.



This is a festive summer book to get those creative minds going! A mix of fantasy and problem solving, it inspires children to keep trying, and maybe even design their own mermaid trap. A great extension would be to have them explain how they would catch a mermaid, draw it or build it!