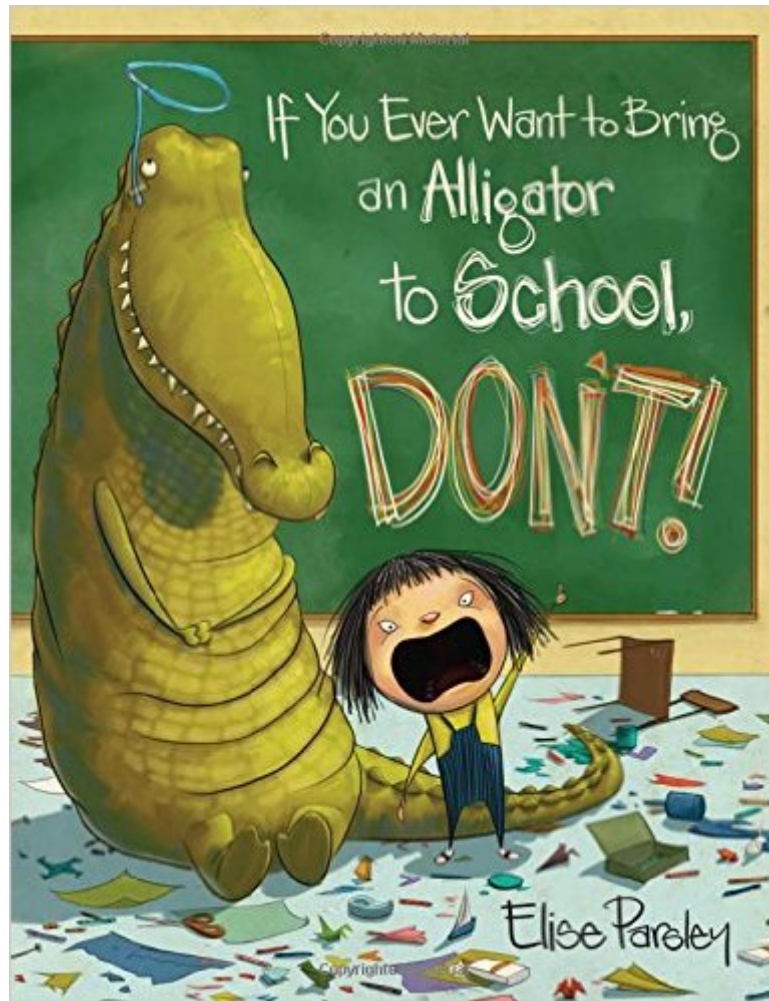


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# If You Ever Want To Bring An Alligator To School, Don't!



## Synopsis

This unforgettable introduction to a charismatic kid heroine also marks the dazzling (and bestselling!) debut of an extraordinary new artistic talent! Note to self: If your teacher tells you to bring something from nature for show-and-tell, she does not want you to bring an alligator! But nothing will stop Magnolia, who's determined to have the best show-and-tell of all--until her reptilian rascal starts getting her into some major trouble. Now it's up to Magnolia to find a way to send this troublemaker home--but what could possibly scare an alligator away?

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The illustrations are hilarious. The little details are great, like a boy who drops his shiny rocks on the floor to start a one-man standing ovation. The facial expressions and body language on all the characters are a great part of the narrative. The way Magnolia tells her story - not really admitting to having firsthand experience; just warning everyone else in case they're ever in this situation - a great choice. Most importantly, my 3-year-old daughter loves it. She is so excited because she already knows what's coming on the next page. And (you'll understand why if you get the book) she has been randomly shouting, "BOOGA BOOGA BOOGA!" without warning.

By now, of course, youâ€™ll wish youâ€™d brought a hollow stick or a birdâ€™s nest or some sparkly rocks for show-and-tell instead of an alligator. By now, youâ€™d rather have some dirt than an alligator. IF YOU EVER WANT TO BRING AN ALLIGATOR TO SCHOOL, DONâ€™T! Magnolia and her alligator never get old. Thatâ€™s because their creator, Elise Parsley, made them so darn funny. As you turn the pages, follow the paper airplane; admire the colors, textures, and shadowing; read the names on the lockers and the facts on the blackboard; notice the classroom diversity, giggle at the alligatorâ€™s shenanigans; and count Magnoliaâ€™s teeth. You might accidentally learn something. I sure did. Like the paint on page thirteen, Parsley mixes humor, mischief, and a dangerous supporting character with the universal school theme and stirs it to a satisfying circular end. Havenâ€™t we all experienced the anxiety of show-and-tell? Havenâ€™t we all feared that teacher? Everything you see is a part of Parsleyâ€™s charming life and imagination--even the complementary font. And thatâ€™s why I'm sure youâ€™ll love this book. Anyone who disagrees deserves three checks by their name and an underline. ~ Anna

The story follows Magnolia, who has come up with the best show and tell ever for nature day. Instead of a hollow stick or a birdâ€™s nest, she has brought in an alligator. She promises her teacher that the alligator will behave and not eat anyone, but oh the trouble that he gets into â€“ drawing funny pictures, making paper airplanes, and so on. Will it be worth it in the end? While there is definitely a main character and a name, the book is actually told in second person. Itâ€™s not a narrative style you normally see, but it does seem to work here. That means we become Magnolia as we read the book. It also means it reminds me of the If You Give a Mouse a Cookie series. No, this doesnâ€™t have the logical steps and conclusions of those books, but youâ€™ll definitely be reminded of them as you read this book. Ultimately, what it comes down to is if this book is fun, and that I can answer with a resounding yes. The premise has the potential for quite a bit of fun, and we actually get to see that played out as the story progresses. No, the alligator never does anything too bad, and the trouble he gets into is just plain funny. Adding to the fun story are the wonderful pictures. There are reactions and jokes in those pictures youâ€™ll definitely want to watch for. This is a book that kids will want to read over and over again, and parents wonâ€™t mind in the least because it is so much fun. Donâ€™t hesitate. Go out and get If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Donâ€™t! today.

We love this book! The story is cute but the illustrations are INCREDIBLE and SO fun to look at all the great details! Plus the fun font used throughout the book makes it that much more unique! My 5

1/2 year old girl and 3 year old boy loved it the very first time we read it to them! I highly recommend this book! A great book to add to your personal or school library!

I love the expression on this little girl's face on the cover of If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School DON'T. It is priceless. This is a really cute book that little folks will enjoy. I know that ours have enjoyed it. It is just a fun book to share with them. I would recommend it definitely for an elementary school library collection or a primary classroom collection. I really like this book a lot.

This book is hilarious and wonderful. It made me laugh out loud. I love good children's literature, and this is definitely at the top of the list of books I'm going to buy for the children in my life.

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This has got to be one of my favorite picture books of all time. It is both funny and entertaining for kids and adults. The story is something we can all relate to. On more thing, every time I read the book I find something new to make me chuckle in the artwork!

Such a fun book to read aloud. My four- and two-year old grandsons enjoy it immensely and want me to read it again. The two-year-old loves the scene where the alligator gets hungry and his owner runs to the rescue. Wonderful illustrations for little boys who love dinosaurs and this slightly over-the-edge story is right up their alley!

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