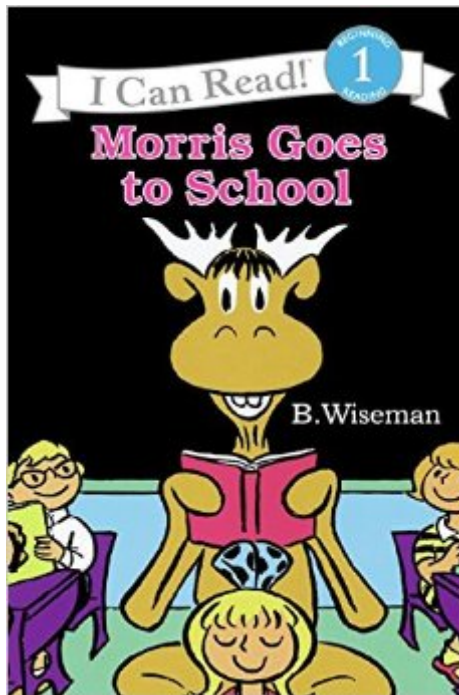


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# Morris Goes To School (I Can Read Level 1)



## Synopsis

Morris the moose can't count gumdrops, so he decides to go to school. He is thrilled after a day in the classroom "he can finally count candy. Now he can buy gumdrops!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent book for children to read. Before I started Kindergarten 15 yrs. ago(I'm 20 now), my sister taught me to read this book. She was 7 yrs old and thus was attending school and I wanted to learn to read. This book, taught me a little about ABC's, counting, and what it was like to attend school...except for the moose being there of course! I remember Morris trying to hide but his antlers kept sticking out.LOL! When I finally started Kindergarten, myself and a fellow classmate Becky were the only two students capable of reading large words and regular books. I believe that this was because of the foundation layed out by this book... it made reading fun.I recommend this book and would actually like to get my hands on it if I could!

I picked up this book to read with my son, and I have to say that we didn't find it particularly funny. Certainly not as funny as the other Morris books. We had about two chuckles in 64 pages. Which is

not to say that the story is bad. It hangs together well and provides some very good kid-friendly examples which show why it's good to attend school. Morris, for example, is shown fumbling around town, not knowing which store is the candy store because he can't read. And Morris is also stumped when it comes to figuring out how many gumdrops he can buy, because he can't count. The publisher suggests this book as a practice reader for those in first grade or younger. My experience convinces me that this book is a little too hard for most children in this age range. For one thing, there are 64 pages of text, which is quite a bit for newbies to sit down and read at one time. And the vocabulary is fairly advanced with words like: wrong, sting, meant, interrupt, couldn't, sandwiches, cream-cheese, piece, fruit, hamburgers, arithmetic, antler, count, make-believe, and forest. And in fact, the Accelerated Reading designation for this book is 2.0 -- which means that those experts feel that the book is suited for entering 2nd Graders. [The AR designation is a general "guide" that rates books on a relative scale of difficulty. Children can certainly read at levels above or below their group range, so that this number should only be used as a aid to help choose books that are appropriate and not frustrating.] Three Stars. This is an okay book which shows why learning is necessary. In my and my son's opinion it wasn't as funny as the other Morris books. The Publisher suggests this reader for ages Pre5 to Grade 1. The 'official' Accelerated Reading (AR) designation, however, is 2.0.

Morris the moose goes to school is a great book. At first Morris does not know what the teacher is talking about because he never went to school. But then he goes to school and learns how to read and count. He isn't very smart at the first part of the book, but by the end of the book he is much smarter. He loves going to school! Morris learns a lot and YOU will LEARN alot too. I take this book in the car when we go places. I like this book because I can read it by myself. YOU will LEARN alot about Morris if you choose this book.

I found this on a list of books for elementary ESL students. It just didn't resonate with the students I had. To understand the story, the kids need to have a certain English knowledge and also be at the right age/ stage of development. Since these things rarely align in a second language they way they do for native speakers, I wouldn't recommend this for most ESL classrooms. Having said that, adults might really enjoy this story.

"Morris Goes to School," is a story about a Moose who at first doesn't know how to read or count. At the beginning of the story Morris goes to the "Fish" store to buy candy. The clerk tells him he's in the

wrong place and sends him to the "Candy" store. When Morris goes to the candy store, the clerk tells him the candy is a penny a piece. Morris counts his money, but counts it wrong. The man asks Morris if he went to school, and Morris said, "no." So the man takes him to school, where he learns how to read and count. Morris then goes to the "candy" store and gives exactly five cents for five gumdrops. This story teaches children that by going to school, you can learn things that you might not have known if you didn't go. It also teaches them, that everyone should have the right to go to school. I recommend this book for everyone. It was always my favorite book, when I was a kid.

Couldn't help but put my 2 cents in here. My 3 year old daughter was given this book about a month ago and we've read it at least 5 times a week since. She has a bookshelf full of fun books (pop-up, little golden books, dr. suess etc) but she chooses this book again and again. I just noticed this week that if I start a sentence from the book, she can finish it w/o hesitation. We went thru the entire book this way. At age 3, she's saying things from the book like, "they are one for a penny", "how much money do you have"...hearing a 3 year old talk about arithmetic is also amusing. She can almost recite the entire book, just about word for word, and she's only had it a short while. I can certainly see the potential here and I never say no to reading it. She can now spell cat and is working on dog. It really is all about repetition, and this book allows just enough details to keep parents reading it.

I use this book every year to introduce ACCELERATED READER to my students. I introduce it as a "read-aloud" and we discuss the text and pictures as I read. Students "act out" the various things that Morris does and students even sit ON their desks when Morris does. There is always a lot of laughing and giggling as Morris learns many things on his first day of school. Morris Goes to School is a great book to show your children how involved they can become when reading. THEN..... they get to go take a short 5-question AR test on the computer. It's a great book and a great introduction to AR.

My grandfather used to work for the printing press that made this and he used to read it to me. Unfortunately none of those books were kept. I remembered it from my childhood and found it on so now I can read it to my children.

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