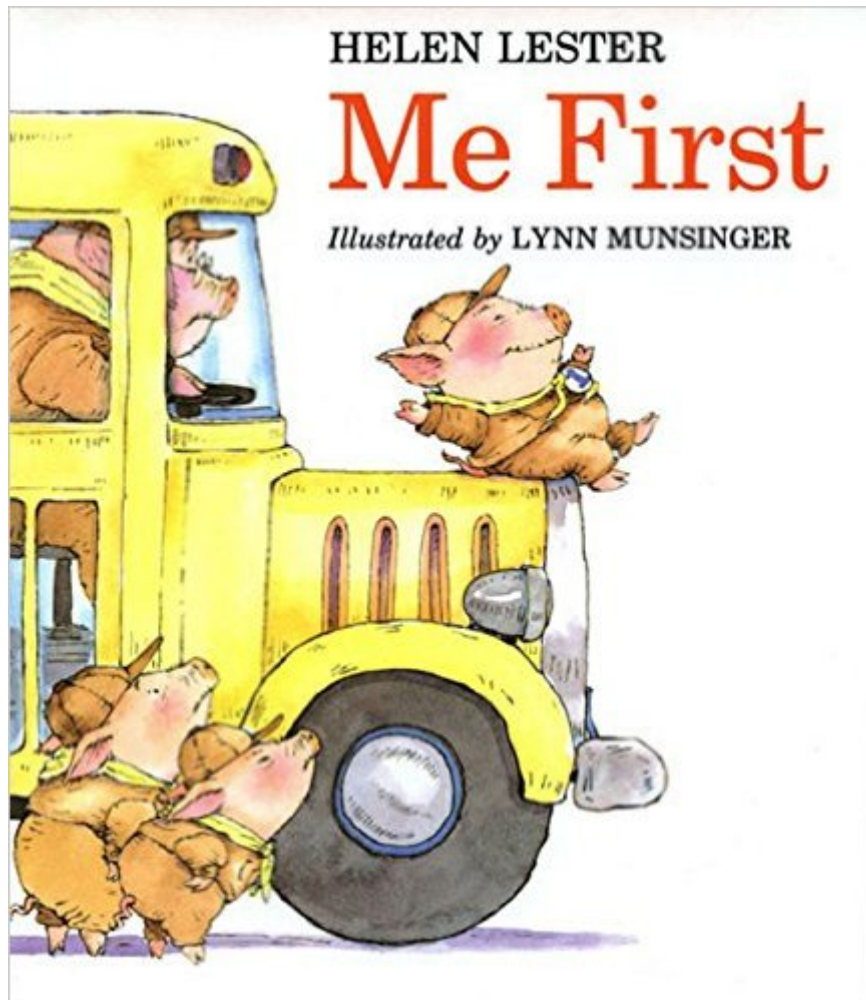


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# Me First (Sandpiper Paperbacks)



## Synopsis

Being first isn't always best, as Pinkerton Pig finds out after an encounter with a mean Sand Witch. As always, Helen Lester's wonderfully offbeat humor and Lynn Munsinger's whimsical illustrations result in a hilarious lesson about piggishness. The picture book duo of Lester and Munsinger has created six previous books, including the award-winning TACKY THE PENGUIN.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Talk about a twist and turn of events! My first graders loved this book. It teaches children that being first is not always best. I use it now whenever my first graders fight to be first in line. We all yell out, "Don't be a Pinkerton!" and in a gentle humorous way the "pusher of the line" concedes. It is also a great book for a follow up discussion on homophones. When you read this book, you'll know what I'm talking about. You see, Pinkerton wants to be first when he hears someone offering a "sandwich" but it turns out to be a Sand Witch who makes him realize his selfishness. It is an adorable book and voted one of the top five in my classroom!

Although we have bought, borrowed, and checked out (from the library) many, many books for our children, this is one of our all-time favorites. My wife and I have never read a better book for

teaching children (and their parents) that being first is not always best. The message is conveyed through the experience of Pinkerton, the "pink, plump and pushy pig" in terrific fashion. The illustrations are great for kids as is the entertaining (but educational) story line. This book has become a classic for our family. In fact, although we don't buy that many books (usually we check them out from the library), we wouldn't be without our own copy. We even make it a habit to buy it for our friends and family with little "Pinkertons" of their own. Don't miss this one, it's great.

Like all of Lester's books, Me First imparts an important lesson for primary aged children without being preachy or condescending. Her clever use of the English language and humor make it just as enjoyable for the reader as the read-ee!

This is a great book on teaching a child to be patient. It's about a pig who always wants to be first and will be first no matter what. Eventually he learns a lesson. It's great to read aloud in a group and it even gets some laughs. The kids love it and they are truly interested in the little pig's adventure.

I read this book as a child, and now that I am raising three crazy toddlers (ages 2, 4, and 5!), I knew this would be a good book for them to read to teach them about not being selfish. This is a fun book about a little pig who wants to be first for everything: first on the slide, first on the bus, first for lunch, etc. He soon learns that it is not always good to be selfish. A great story for any age. My girls are always having me read it!

"Me first, me first!" Pinkerton is a pink, plump and pushy pig. He will do anything to be first. On a trip to the beach with the pig scouts he hears a faint voice asking, "Who would care for a sand witch?". Of course, Pinkerton being Pinkerton, thinks the voice is asking "Who would care for a sandwich?". Thinking of his stomach again, Pinkerton rushes off to be first to get a sandwich. Imagine his surprise when he discovers the sand witch! Enjoy this delightful tale with your child as Pinkerton is taught and learns a very important lesson. The audio is well done and our kids have listened to it over and over. Another great find in our local library. Thanks, Liz

Creative and entertaining way to teach kids about thinking of others and being unselfish. Great pictures and not too many words per page to keep kids attention. Love the creative way the moral is taught!

This is a great book for kids of all ages. I read it to my fourth graders the first day of every school year, and this year I bought copies for all of the other fourth grade teachers. Pinkerton always has to be first, until his greed teaches him a lesson that allows him to happily take the last seat on the bus.

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