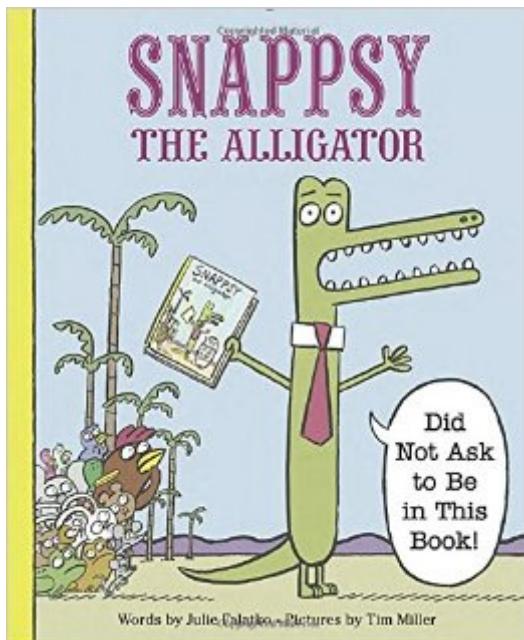


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# Snappy The Alligator (Did Not Ask To Be In This Book)



## **Synopsis**

Snappy the alligator is having a normal dayÂ when a pesky narrator steps in to spice up the story.Â Is Snappy reading a book ... or is he making CRAFTY plans? Is Snappy on his way to the grocery store ... or is he PROWLING the forest for defenseless birds and fuzzy bunnies? Is Snappy innocently shopping for a party ... or is he OBSESSED with snack foods that start with the letter P? What's the truth?Â Snappy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book) is an irreverent look at storytelling, friendship, and creative differences, perfect for fans of Mo Willems.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

I saw some tweets about Snappy The Alligator, and immediately knew that my girls would love this book. I made a request through my library network, and was amazed when the book arrived at my town library only two days later. Snappy The Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book!) is a picture book written by Julie Falatko and illustrated by Tim Miller. The premise is rather clever: as the narrator describes what Snappy is doing, the alligator breaks the fourth wall to address the narrator directly. He is annoyed by the narratorâ™s descriptions, and he does not like being followed around. Snappy even ends up changing his plans because he knows he is being watched! Can Snappy and the narrator resolve their feud before the end of the book? The illustrations are lovely. As soon as I showed the book to my girls, they asked me if Mo Willems had illustrated them. I have

to agree, they do look similar, but Tim Millerâ™s illustrations have tons of little details. We especially enjoyed the scene at the store- be sure to look at all the jars on the shelf in the âœPâ• aisle- pudding in a bag, plum stuffâ• hilarious! We also liked seeing Snappy in his house wearing a fez! Snappy The Alligator is an adorable book. My girls loved being able to âœinteractâ• with Snappy as he grew increasingly more irritated with the narrator, who tries to characterize him as a mean and hungry predator. Snappy is just trying to be himself! I would absolutely recommend Snappy The Alligator. This is a very funny book that will appeal to older preschoolers and children in the early years of elementary school. My girls laughed and laughed as we read this book. I know that weâ™ll be picking up our own copy of this book, and I certainly hope that this isnâ™t the last that we see of Snappy!

Snappy is an alligator going about his day, minding his own business when his actions start being documented by a narrator. He unintentionally becomes the main character in a story! As much as he tries to evade the commentary from this nosy narrator, he gets more and more critiquing from the peanut gallery- about his food choices, his handyman skills, and even his chores. Finally, poor Snappy gives in. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em! Wanting to spice up the story a bit, he decides to throw a party and the identity of our pesky narrator is revealed! This funny story has wonderful cartoon illustrations and a nice mix of sarcastic and subtle humor (for example, Snappy walks home in a zig-zag pattern- isn't that what the old wives tale tell us we should do if being chased by an alligator? I guess we wouldn't escape Snappy after all). I sometimes judge children's books on if I can see myself reading them out loud upwards of 2 or 3 hundred times and this is one that passes the test. I hope we will be seeing more in this series!

Snappy was just going about a normal day when he got suckered into being in a book. He is quite "cheesed off" at the cheesy narrator, whom he doesn't think is doing a very good job, either being very literal about Snappy's activities or spreading false rumors. Snappy tries to make the story more interesting to make up for the narrator's shortcomings by throwing a party. But the narrator really has the last laugh. You will have plenty of laughs, too. A funny, twisty-turny tale that throws storybook convention on its head.

Would it be too much to say that this is the best picture book this year? This decade? This millennium? Well, maybe that last one, but Snappy did not ask to be embarrassed. He is, however, worthy of high praise. I can't wait to read this one out loud to my storytime kids.

Snappy...How do we love you, let us count the ways. My first-grader is a big fan of other metafiction like WE ARE IN A BOOK (Willems) and A PERFECTLY MESSED UP STORY (McDonnell). He found the dichotomy between what the narrator said about Snappy and what Snappy was actually doing to be hilarious. Snappy shopping at the supermarket was a favorite. The book prompted a wonderful discussion about storytelling. This book is fun for home, but I bet it would be great in a classroom as well.

Snappy is just going about his life when an unwanted narrator steps in and tries to spice up the story, attempting to portray him as a menacing predator, judging his shopping list (all foods that start with the letter "p") and criticizing his home (a "splinter-laden shed"). Poor Snappy! This book is absolutely hilarious, with humor that both kids and adults will appreciate. Cleverly written metafiction with appealing illustrations that perfectly pair with the text. My 7 year old and I both loved this book. All my grown up friends loved this book, too!

Call me a sucker for a certain combination of winningly naive illustrations and high narrative concept, but this debut picture book is one of my favorites of 2016. Here's my basic PB checklist: Does it have alligators? Check. Does it have a secret chicken? Check. Speech bubbles? Yep. SNAPPY wins on all counts, plus it has a great title. A great independent or one-on-one read, in addition to being a hilarious read-aloud.

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