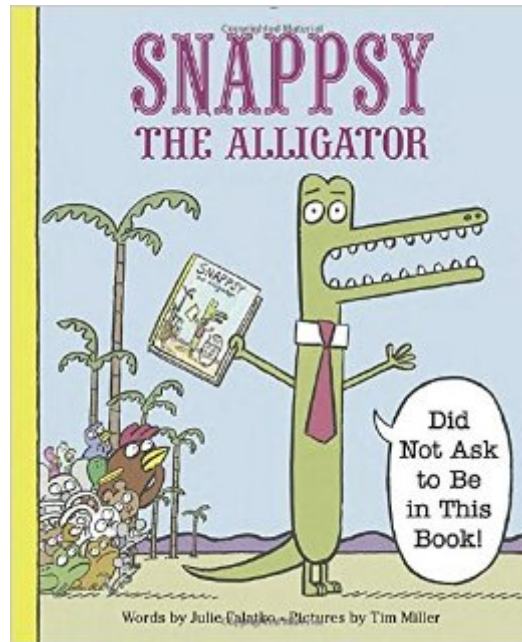


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Snappsy The Alligator (Did Not Ask To Be In This Book)



Synopsis

Snappsy the alligator is having a normal day when a pesky narrator steps in to spice up the story. Is Snappsy reading a book ... or is he making CRAFTY plans? Is Snappsy on his way to the grocery store ... or is he PROWLING the forest for defenseless birds and fuzzy bunnies? Is Snappsy innocently shopping for a party ... or is he OBSESSED with snack foods that start with the letter P? What's the truth? Snappsy 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.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

I saw some tweets about Snappsy 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. Snappsy 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 Snappsy is doing, the alligator breaks the fourth wall to address the narrator directly. He is annoyed by the narrator's descriptions, and he does not like being followed around. Snappsy even ends up changing his plans because he knows he is being watched! Can Snappsy 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 Miller'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 aisle- pudding in a bag, plum stuffâ |hilarious! We also liked seeing Snappsy in his house wearing a fez!Snappsy The Alligator is an adorable book. My girls loved being able to interact with Snappsy as he grew increasingly more irritated with the narrator, who tries to characterize him as a mean and hungry predator. Snappsy is just trying to be himself! I would absolutely recommend Snappsy 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 we'll be picking up our own copy of this book, and I certainly hope that this isn't the last that we see of Snappsy!

Snappsy 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 Snappsy 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, Snappsy 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 Snappsy 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!

Snappsy 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 Snappsy's activities or spreading false rumors. Snappsy 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 Snappsy 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.

Snappsy...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 Snappsy and what Snappsy was actually doing to be hilarious. Snappsy 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.

Snappsy 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 Snappsy! 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. *SNAPPSY* 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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