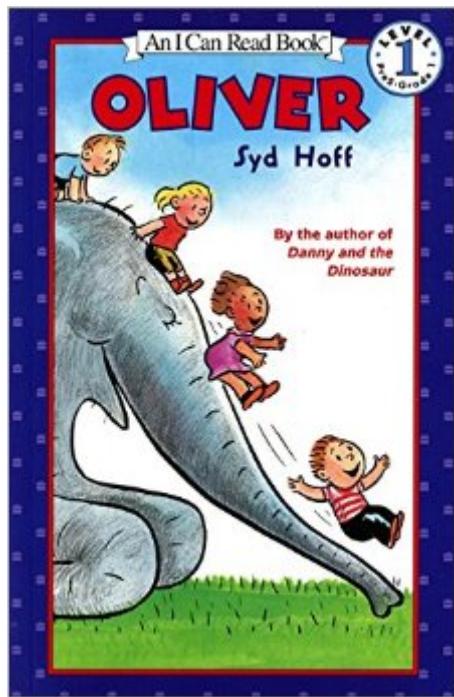


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# Oliver (I Can Read Level 1)



## **Synopsis**

Oliver has always wanted to be a dancing elephant, but what will he do when he discovers the circus already has enough elephants? Beginning readers will laugh out loud as they follow Oliver's adventures and find out how this elephant of unique charm and talent finally achieves his dream. Now available in full color!

## **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: 180 (What's this?)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

I have a 1960 edition of Oliver and love to read it with my kids. Oliver the elephant has a simple and friendly conversation with everyone he meets throughout his day. This is one polite elephant. Mr. Hoff's unique use of colors and the light-hearted story will amuse you and make you want to search out more of his books. I have to admit that's why I logged on to today--and was flabbergasted to find 127 titles pop-up when I did a search on "Syd Hoff". Looks like I've got some work to do!

has this book available through their 4-for-3 promotion. Take advantage of the savings and build your child's book collection. Like Danny's Dinosaur, Oliver the Elephant is a kindly big fellow with the heart of a child. Naturally, my two young boys loved the idea of playing with an elephant who would

let them ride on his back and slide down his trunk. My sons' bookshelf holds roughly 80-100 books and Syd Hoff has three titles in our collection -- Oliver, Danny and the Dinosaur and Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur.

Oliver is an elephant that dreams of dancing in the circus. When there is no space for him in the circus, he wanders around trying to find another vocation and home (e.g. he offers to be a pet to a woman that wants a dog) but nothing works out. Ultimately, the circus man sees Oliver dancing and offers Oliver a place in the circus. My child likes the book but it is not a favorite. Frankly, I think the reason she likes it as much as she does is because the illustrations and format are familiar to her from other Hoff books. Her favorite Hoff book is Sammy the Seal, which I also loved as a child. I think Sammy is a better book for children because its themes and subjects (e.g. the zoo and school) are more relatable to them. My child also likes Hoff's Danny and the Dinosaur more than Oliver. So, I would recommend Sammy or Danny over Oliver.

This is a fun book for children to read. Stronger readers need very little help reading the book.

I purchased this for my granddaughter thinking she would be able to read it. However, at age 5, this is just a bit above her reading level, and is more a story to be read to her until she is able to read it for herself, but the story and visual clues will make that very soon for this particular book. Words like elephant and circus make it hard for her to sound out completely on her own to begin with. It is a fun little story, and the fact that the elephant is big is emphasized. When the elephants get off of the ship, they are counted, which makes part of this an easy read. I love the fact that it isn't just words, it is a fun little story that kids can read and reread.

I bought this book for my first grader. Book starts on page 7. It feels like you read it from the middle. I do like the quality of it. And it's a great reading practice for kids, but missing pages deserve only one star. :(

Make sure you realize this is the small size!! Some of the pages are cropped, and you don't get the full feel for the amazing artwork. We prefer the larger size book, which I found for \$5 at Barnes & Noble, since the color strokes and color combinations are beautiful to see.

My 3-year-old daughter saw this book advertised on the back of another one by the same author

and asked (OK, demanded, but I made her say "please") that I buy her a copy. She loves it, so that means it's a good book as far as I'm concerned.

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